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Sepic won't seek re-election

Berrien County prosecutor retiring

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
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ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic will retire from his post at the end of the year when his term runs out.

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Sepic, 69, made the announcement late Friday that he won't seek re-election.

"By the end of my current term on Dec. 31, 2020, I will be 70 years old and will look forward to retirement," Sepic said in a news release.

Sepic said he has been considering retirement for about a year. In an interview with The Herald-Palladium, Sepic said he wanted the end of his career to coincide with the end of his term as prosecutor.

"Most people can just decide when they're going to retire," he said Friday. "The election factors into this. I have the option of leaving mid-term, but I'm choosing to run the term out."

Sepic was originally appointed prosecutor by the Berrien County circuit judges in July 2013.

He succeeded Arthur Cotter, who left the prosecutor post to accept an appointment by Gov. Rick Snyder to a vacancy on the district court bench. Sepic was then elected in 2014 to fill Cotter's unexpired two-year term, and then won his first four-year term in 2016.

Sepic, a prosecuting attorney in Berrien County since 1988, was Cotter's chief assistant for more than six years before his appointment in 2013.

Sepic began his career as a lawyer in 1979 in a private practice in Eaton Rapids, where he eventually went to work as an assistant prosecuting attorney at the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office in 1985.

Sepic is a graduate of Michigan State University and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. His degree from MSU was in multi-disciplinary social science.

He has taught several legal-related classes as an adjunct professor at Lake Michigan College, Western Michigan University and Cooley Law School.

Sepic was president of the Berrien County Bar Association in 2009-10. He was a board member of Gateway Rehabilitation Services in Berrien

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THE MESS ON MAIN STREET

Two studies will examine the chronic flooding on Main Street in Benton Harbor

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Drivers traveling between St. Joseph and Benton Harbor via the Bicentennial Bridge are well aware of the flooding that happens on the Benton Harbor side during rainy, windy days.

To figure out why the flooding is happening and how it can be fixed, two studies are being conducted – one by the Michigan Department of Transportation and one by Berrien County Drain Commissioner Christopher Quattrin. Main Street is the I-94 Business Loop and the designated route in case of emergencies on I-94, making it a state road.

The flooding problem became very apparent last spring, when Lake Michigan started reaching near-record high water levels, meaning the St. Joseph River's water levels are also well above average.

The bridge itself doesn't flood. But drivers are only able to reach a handful of businesses in Benton Harbor when the flooding is bad enough to close the section of Main Street in front of Whirlpool Corp.'s Riverview Campus. When there is minor flooding, cars from both directions can be seen taking turns driving down the middle of the road, where the water isn't as high.

Pete Pfeiffer, manager of the Coloma and Kalamazoo MDOT offices, said his office is hiring Wade Trim, a civil engineering, planning and surveying company, to study the problem.

"The cause of the flooding – we think it's high water levels (in Lake Michigan)," he said. "Let's have the experts determine that for us."

He said MDOT finished reconstructing Main Street in 2009 and didn't have any flooding problems for 10 years. One result of the reconstruction is it removed decades of road caps, lowering the street by about 18 inches.

Photo provided / Prairie Real Estate Group

ABOVE: Peter Colovos of Prairie Real Estate Group in Benton Harbor stands in almost knee-deep water on Aug. 30, 2016, at the rear entrance to one of his developments, Saranac Flats, 376 W Main St. He says the underground drainage system he installed around the building is supposed to hold storm water from his property and slowly release it into the Main Street storm drain system. Instead, during storms, he said water from Main Street is backing up onto his property and flooding it.
TOP: A car drives through a flooded section of Main Street, in front of Whirlpool Corp.'s Riverview Campus, in December. Don Campbell / HP file photo

Lake Michigan water rose to near record levels in the summer of 2019 and have stayed there. Projections from the Detroit District of the

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Lake Michigan expected to reach record levels this year

By HP STAFF

DETROIT — Lake Michigan is forecasted to reach record high water levels this year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from the Detroit District announced on Friday.

"It is likely that water levels on lakes Michigan and Huron will set new monthly mean record high levels over the next couple of months," said John Allis, chief of the Great Lakes Hydraulics and Hydrology Office, Detroit District, in an email. "This sets the stage for coastal impacts and damages in 2020 similar to, or worse than, what was experienced last year."

Lakes Michigan and Huron were the only two Great Lakes that didn't set record high levels in 2019, although they were very close. The Detroit District reported that all of the Great Lakes started 2020 higher than they started 2019.

People with property impacted by the high water levels in 2019 are urged to prepare for similar levels this year.

Several natural factors are contributing to the record lake levels. Officials say that persistent wet conditions across the Great Lakes basin continue to drive high water levels. The warmer than average temperatures in December led to greater runoff due to snow pack melting, especially on lakes Superior, and northern parts of Michigan and Huron, leading to more water supply. The warm air also caused less evaporation off the lakes' surface, leading to more water in the system.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) reported on its website that also contributing to high lake levels is that the lakes have had record ice cover during several of the past winters, resulting in less water evaporating from the lakes.

EGLE said that the Great Lakes are experiencing the highest water levels since 1986 and that the high levels may last several years, depending on the amount of precipitation, runoff and evaporation that occurs.

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South Haven planners want more restrictions on golf carts

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Riding around South Haven in a golf cart might get a little more complicated this summer.

City officials are now considering a number of requirements golf cart owners would need to follow in order to drive their vehicles around town.

Planning commissioners on Thursday forwarded a dozen proposed requirements to the city council for review.

The proposed requirements mainly deal with safety issues that have been brought up periodically since 2016, when city officials passed an ordinance allowing carts on local streets.

"I think our primary concern is public safety," planner Larry Neiss said. "I think this list addresses most of our concerns."

The proposed list would require golf carts to have such components as headlamps, a tail lamp, red reflectors, mirrors, a horn, windshield, safety belts, crash helmets, proof of insurance, and limiting the number of people to two per seat.

The list was developed from the state statute that grants municipalities the right to enact certain certain safety standards for golf carts, according to South Haven City Attorney Nick Curcio.

"There's a fairly comprehensive list of safety regulations the statute says a municipality can require," Curcio said.

Whether city council members will adopt any of the requirements remains to be seen.

At least one of the planners thought several of the safety standards unnecessary.

"I see very little need for the first four points," said Larry Heinig regarding headlamps, a tail lamp, red reflectors and mirrors. Heinig went on to explain that the state law stipulates

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Michigan forecasts modest growth in economy, tax revenue

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and lawmakers received a generally positive economic and revenue forecast Friday but tempered it by warning of budget pressures due to tax cuts, a road-funding deal and other factors.

Economists adopted a consensus agreement that projects jobs to grow by 0.6 percent, or 26,000, in 2020, a lower unemployment rate and personal income to rise by 3.7 percent – 1.8 percent after adjusting for inflation. Michigan's two main accounts, the general fund and the school aid fund, will grow 1.1 percent this fiscal year and 2.3 percent next fiscal year – a combined $733 million more over the two years than was estimated in May.

"We're seeing the economy continue to grow, albeit at a modest pace. It's still growing. The revenues are looking pretty flat," said state Treasurer Rachael Eubanks.

It was not immediately clear how the new numbers may affect the potential for the Democratic governor and Republican-controlled Legislature to negotiate another mid-year budget bill.

They agreed last month to $574 million in supplemental spending, which included the restoration of some of the nearly $1 billion Whitmer had vetoed as part of an impasse over the current $59 billion budget. Some bigger-ticket programs, such as the Pure Michigan tourism ads and the Going Pro campaign to help businesses recruit students into the trades and other high-demand fields, remain unfunded.

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> **CHRIS KOLB**
> State budget director

"The good news is that there's a modest increase going forward. But on the other hand, we know that we have huge pressures on the general fund and increases to baseline service cost as well," said budget director Chris Kolb. He pointed to past business and personal tax cuts, higher Medicaid costs, the ongoing phased-in shift of general funds to road construction, indigent defense spending. Michigan also must pick up more of the cost of the federal-state Children's Health Insurance Program, he said.

Whitmer last year unsuccessfully called for a 45-cents-a-gallon fuel tax increase to help fix the roads and halt the eventual diversion of $600 million a year in general funds to the transportation budget, freeing up money for education. She will propose the 2020-21 budget in February.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Jim Stamas, a Midland Republican, called Friday's forecast "great news" because the economy is continuing to grow following the state's lengthy downturn more than a decade ago.

"Our current budget surplus is not a jackpot for new spending. We expect to face new budget pressures in the coming fiscal year," Stamas said, adding that legislators continue to talk with Whitmer about the "political" budget vetoes she made more than three months ago. "This economic and fiscal forecast illustrates that we must remain diligent in how we use taxpayer dollars to meet our challenges and continue to build a brighter future for all Michigan families," he said.

Rep. Jon Hoadley, the top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, took note that state tax revenue is projected to be $12.5 billion, or 26 percent, below a constitutional limit. It is a rising gap that economists attribute partly to tax cuts but also to Michigan not taxing services as the service economy has grown.

"There's a wide swath of economic activity that is not being appropriately accounted for and taxed. So there's some folks that we've seen over the last decade who have really benefited from changes in the tax code while the rest of us working people have picked up the bill," he said, alluding to GOP-enacted business tax reductions. "Now we see that exacerbated moving forward. That's potentially then lost opportunity to tackle the big challenges that folks across Michigan are asking us to fix."

Lotteries

Friday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
QC-6D-2H-9H-4S
Midday Daily 3
3-6-1
Midday Daily 4
7-8-1-0
Daily 3
4-2-2
Daily 4
8-9-9-6
Fantasy 5
14-17-20-25-32
Keno
01-03-06-08-14-21-22-23-26-30-37-39-54-56-58-59-65-69-76-77-79-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$80 million
Powerball jackpot
$277 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
14-18-33-34-38
Cash4Life
07-17-42-50-51, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
01-04-10-12-24-25-27-34-35-42-44-49-62-64-67-68-70-78-79-80, BE: 62
Daily Three-Midday
4-5-3, SB: 7
Daily Three-Evening
4-6-6, SB: 4
Daily Four-Midday
3-0-0-2, SB: 7
Daily Four-Evening
8-6-4-7, SB: 4
Quick Draw Evening
09-11-12-16-29-32-34-39-44-45-47-50-51-55-56-65-70-72-74-77, BE: 50

Illinois

Lotto
03-14-16-18-28-49, Extra Shot: 9
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
27-28-31-33-45
Pick Three-Midday
5-7-1, Fireball: 8
Pick Three-Evening
0-3-8, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
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EPA: Lead and uranium found after Detroit River aggregate spill

DETROIT (AP) — Federal environmental officials found uranium, lead and several chemicals during testing of an industrial site where limestone construction aggregate material spilled into the Detroit River last year, a state agency said.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy said in a statement Thursday that the EPA's testing of soil and water at the Detroit Bulk Storage detected "many heavy metals including uranium," The Detroit News reported.

Lead in just one soil sample surpassed EPA removal management levels, the state agency said. The department noted its previous testing there "showed no radiation above background levels at each of more than 1,000 locations on the site, nor in river water upstream and downstream."

The Great Lakes Water Authority conducted testing after the November collapse did not detect uranium in its downstream water intake, according to the release. Tests revealed several metals, such as aluminum, barium, boron and strontium but authority officials said those are naturally occurring in raw water.

"EGLE's analysis of the results and further discussions with the EPA will inform our next steps," the department said. "EGLE intends to hold the site's owner, Revere Dock LLC, and Detroit Bulk Storage accountable and ensure a cleanup that is protective of public health and the environment. EGLE is also in consultation with Revere about missing a Dec. 26 deadline to provide to EGLE and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers a remediation plan to remove the collapsed aggregate material from the river."

Revere Dock LLC, the site's owner, and the storage's officials did not respond to requests for comment. EPA representatives could not be reached.

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Trump ups Iran accusations, says 4 U.S. embassies targeted

By BEN FOX
Associated Press

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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, left, and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin participate in a briefing Friday at the White House.

WASHINGTON — Confronted by persistent questions about his military action in the Middle East, President Donald Trump and his top officials offered a string of fresh explanations Friday, with Trump now contending Iranian militants had planned major attacks on four U.S. embassies.

Just hours earlier, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had said the U.S. didn't know when or where attacks might occur. Trump and other officials insisted anew that Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani had posed an imminent threat to the U.S., but they rebuffed repeated attempts to explain what they meant by "imminent."

Trump, meanwhile, announced additional sanctions against Iran, which he had promised after a barrage of missiles fired by the Islamic State against American bases in Iraq earlier this week.

Those Iranian missiles, which caused no casualties, were prompted by the U.S. drone strike that killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani last week in Baghdad. That U.S. assault set off a chain of events that may have included the downing of a Ukrainian jetliner, possibly by an Iranian missile, and calls by the Iraqi government to expel U.S. troops from their country.

At the White House, Trump issued an executive order adding additional U.S. sanctions to the already long list his administration had imposed in an effort to force Iran to accept a new agreement that would curb its nuclear program and to halt support for militant groups throughout the Middle East.

Trump declared the U.S. was holding Iran responsible for attacks against the United States as well as a threat to U.S. service members, diplomats and civilians – an apparent reference to the justification for killing Soleimani.

"The United States will continue to counter the Iranian regime's destructive and destabilizing behavior," he said.

But Trump and others faced continuing questions over their claims of an "imminent" threat. Members of Congress said Pompeo and other officials did not provide sufficient detail or justification in briefings this week.

Define what you mean by imminent, Pompeo was asked Friday at a White House news conference.

"I don't know exactly which minute," Pompeo said. "We don't know exactly which day it would have been executed, but it was very clear. Qassem Soleimani himself was plotting a broad, large-scale attack against American interests and those attacks were imminent."

Both Pompeo and Trump had said U.S. embassies were threatened. The secretary of state broadened it to include "American facilities," including military bases throughout the region. "This was going to happen, and American lives were at risk," he said.

Trump gave a more worrisome number but still no specifics in a later comment.

"I can reveal that I believe it probably would've been four embassies," he told Fox News in an interview taped Friday.

The new sanctions were in immediate response to Iran's firing of a barrage of missiles at American bases in neighboring Iraq this week after the killing of Soleimani. No one was injured. The larger U.S. goal is to force Iran to negotiate a new agreement on limiting its nuclear program.

In 2018, Trump withdrew from the nuclear agreement signed under President Barack Obama that traded curbs on the program for the easing of sanctions. Since then, the administration has added additional economic measures that have created hardship in Iran and brought its oil revenue to historic lows but have failed to bring the Iranian government to the negotiating table.

The sanctions added Friday include measures aimed at eight senior Iranian officials involved in what Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin called "destabilizing" activities throughout the Middle East as well as Tuesday's missile barrage.

Those measures, which would freeze any assets the officials have in U.S. jurisdiction and prohibit financial transactions with them, are largely symbolic since such senior figures are unlikely to have assets under American control after decades of hostility between the two nations.

U.S. tried to take out another Iranian leader, but failed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military tried, but failed, to take out another senior Iranian commander on the same day that an American airstrike killed the Revolutionary Guard's top general, U.S. officials said Friday.

The officials said a military airstrike by special operations forces targeted Abdul Reza Shahlai, a high-ranking commander in Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps but the mission was not successful. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss a classified mission.

Officials said both Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani and Shahlai were on approved military targeting lists, which indicates a deliberate effort by the U.S. to cripple the leadership of Iran's Quds force, which has been designated a terror organization by the U.S. Officials would not say how the mission failed.

U.S. blames Iran for Ukrainian jetliner downing

By NASSER KARIMI, JOSEPH KRAUSS and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. promised "appropriate action" Friday in response to its assessment that an Iranian missile was responsible for downing a Ukrainian jetliner that crashed outside Tehran, as the Iranian government denied playing a role in the killing of all 176 people on board.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo became the highest-level U.S. official to directly pin the blame on Iran, after Canadian, Australian and British leaders announced similar intelligence conclusions Thursday. "We do believe it is likely that that plane was shot down by an Iranian missile," he said.

Pompeo said an investigation would continue into the incident and that once it was complete he was "confident that we and the world will take appropriate action as a response." Leaders said the plane appeared to have been unintentionally hit by a surface-to-air missile.

Earlier Friday, Iran denied Western allegations that one of its own missiles downed the jetliner that crashed early Wednesday outside Tehran, hours after Iran launched more than a dozen ballistic missiles at two U.S. bases in Iraq to avenge the killing of its top general in an American airstrike last week.

"What is obvious for us, and what we can say with certainty, is that no missile hit the plane," Ali Abedzadeh, head of Iran's national aviation department, told a press conference.

"If they are really sure, they should come and show their findings to the world" in accordance with international standards, he added.

Hassan Rezaeifar, the head of the Iranian investigation team, said recovering data from the black box flight recorders could take more than a month and that the entire investigation could stretch into next year. He also said Iran may request help from international experts if it is not able to extract the flight recordings.

U.S. dismisses Iraq request to work on troop withdrawal plan

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's caretaker prime minister asked Washington to work out a road map for an American troop withdrawal, but the U.S. State Department on Friday bluntly rejected the request, saying the two sides should instead talk about how to "recommit" to their partnership.

Thousands of anti-government protesters turned out in the capital and southern Iraq, many calling on both Iran and America to leave Iraq, reflecting their anger and frustration over the two rivals – both allies of Baghdad – trading blows on Iraqi soil.

The request from Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi pointed to his determination to push ahead with demands for U.S. troops to leave Iraq, stoked by the American drone strike on Jan. 3 that killed top Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani. In a phone call Thursday night, he told U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo that recent U.S. actions were unacceptable breaches of Iraqi sovereignty and a violation of their security agreements, his office said.

The State Department flatly dismissed Abdul-Mahdi's request, saying U.S. troops are crucial for the fight against the Islamic State group and it would not discuss removing them.

ANALYSIS

Pelosi's delay tests public opinion on impeachment

By LISA MASCARO
AP Congressional Correspondent

J. Scott Applewhite / AP

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., arrives to meet with reporters Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

WASHINGTON — Democrats know they don't have the votes to convict President Donald Trump when the Senate convenes as the Court of Impeachment. But they are pursuing the case in the court of public opinion.

It became a defining moment one that stunned Washington after the House impeached Trump when Speaker Nancy Pelosi declined to immediately transmit the charges to the Senate.

The abrupt move vexed the Republican president and his party, annoying some, angering others, and caused a political firestorm as the days turned to weeks. It was approaching a month.

It was also a strategy. On Friday, it neared an end with Pelosi announcing the House would take steps next week to send the articles of impeachment to the Senate for the president's trial.

While the delay produced an avalanche of theories and strategies about the sudden impasse, it hasn't much changed the widely expected final verdict: Trump's acquittal of charges he abused power and obstructed Congress in pressuring Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden.

Yet in the lull, something else happened. New evidence and documents emerged, including emails showing more of the administration's internal deliberations over Trump's actions. Former White House national security adviser John Bolton announced he would be willing to appear, if a subpoena was sent.

Attention shifted from the airy Constitutional arguments for and against impeachment to the earthy details of how to conduct the rare Senate trial, only the third in the nation's history.

There's nowhere near the 67 votes needed for conviction in the Senate, where Republicans with Majority Leader Mitch McConnell hold a slim 53-47 majority.

But a handful of Republican senators who will decide how things go are suddenly infused with new power, and clouded with political risk. Just 51 votes will set the rules. As McConnell works to hold them in line, Democrats will try to sway four GOP senators, particularly those up for re-election this year, to join in calling for a more witnesses and documents that McConnell is reluctant to allow.

Republican Sen. Susan Collins said Friday she is discussing with her colleagues a possible process for hearing new testimony. Alaska GOP Sen. Lisa Murkowski has expressed discomfort with the leader's close coordination with the White House. Utah Sen. Mitt Romney said he'd like Bolton to appear.

Rather than the swift Senate trial that was expected to have started by now, Trump's impeachment has become a serial disruption to the presidency that is grinding into 2020.

"Many things have been accomplished," Pelosi said this week.

The stated goal of Democrats was a public airing of the trial rules before Pelosi names House managers to present the case to the Senate. How much time will they be given? For how many days? Will there be more witnesses and testimony allowed?

Those are all answers Pelosi's delay did not fully resolve. McConnell will only provide when he is ready.

The ever tight-lipped Republican leader sees no reason to deviate much from the last time the Senate convened as an impeachment court for the historic undertaking, for Bill Clinton's trial in 1999. His plan is to start the trial and have the senators decide later if they want to hear more testimony.

"There will be no unfair new rulebook written solely for President Trump," McConnell said this week. "I've said for months that this is our preferred route."

As the the Pelosi-McConnell standoff winds down – itself a piece of history as the two legendary leaders refuse to budge over perhaps the most consequential role of Congress – the questions remain.

It hasn't been a risk-free strategy for Democrats. The White House mocked Democrats with a video this week showing all the lawmakers who said impeachment was "urgent," only to have stalled the proceedings. Lawmakers in both the House and Senate have publicly aired their exasperation with the delay, one embarrassingly backtracking the comments.

Republicans say the public is on their side as McConnell invoked Founding Father Alexander Hamilton to warn against "a procrastinated resolution of impeachments." Thousands flocked to the first Trump rally of the year late Thursday in Toledo cheering him on with shouts of "USA!" They chuckled along as the president derided Pelosi.

In fact, polling throughout the impeachment proceedings has consistently shown the public closely divided over whether Trump should be impeached and removed from office.

A Monmouth University poll conducted in early December found that about 6 in 10 Americans said Democrats in Congress are more interested in bringing down Trump than pursuing the facts, and about 6 in 10 said Republicans in Congress are more interested in defending Trump than pursuing the facts.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said McConnell is a "clever fellow" and understandably frustrated that his plan for swift acquittal has been stalled. But Pelosi has done "just the right thing."

As the minority party in the Senate, Schumer has little to lose and more to gain with the strategy. Whatever the Senate does is highly unlikely to result in Trump being removed from office. This way, Schumer can help keep impeachment in the public eye as Trump and senators seek election. Pelosi's delay of the impeachment trial offered a chance for Senate Democrats to win even by losing.

"If the speaker had sent the articles of impeachment over to the Senate immediately after they passed, Senate Republicans could have moved to dismiss," he said Thursday. "There wouldn't have been a fair or even a cursory trial."

After all Pelosi has done to bring House – and the nation – to this point, she was not about to let impeachment go so easily. She put the House majority and her own speakership, her place in history, on the line.

In an interview the day after the House voted last month, Pelosi told The Associated Press that Trump would be "impeached forever."

Now the Senate is poised to acquit him.

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Firefighters and members of the army discuss a nearby fire threat at the Burragate, Australia, firehouse, on Friday. Thousands of people are fleeing their homes and helicopters are dropping supplies to towns at risk of wildfires as hot, windy conditions threaten already fire-ravaged southeastern Australian communities. The danger is centered on Australia's most populous states, including coastal towns that lost homes in earlier fires.

Man burned as huge wildfire forms during Australia crisis

By NICK PERRY
Associated Press

BURRAGATE, Australia — Two wildfires merged to form a massive inferno in southeast Australia on Saturday, near where a man suffered serious burns protecting a home during a night of treacherous conditions during the nation's unprecedented fire crisis.

Authorities were assessing the damage after firefighters battled flames fanned by strong winds through the night and lightning strikes sparked new blazes in New South Wales and Victoria, Australia's most populous states. Conditions were milder Saturday and forecast to remain relatively benign for the next week.

"In the scheme of things, we did OK last night," Victorian Emergency Management Commissioner Andrew Crisp said.

New South Wales Rural Fire Service Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons told reporters that officials were "extremely relieved" the fires were not been more destructive overnight.

A man suffered burns protecting a home near Tumbarumba in southern New South Wales and was airlifted to a Sydney hospital in serious condition to undergo surgery, Fitzsimmons said.

Several firefighters received minor burns, and one suffered shortness of breath but were not admitted to a hospital, he said.

With no heavy rain expected, the 640,000-hectare blaze that formed overnight when two fires joined in the Snowy Mountains region near Tumbarumba close to the Victorian border is expected to burn for weeks, officials said.

The fire crisis in Australia has killed at least 26 people, destroyed more than 2,000 homes and scorched an area larger than the U.S. state of Indiana since September.

It also has brought accusations that Prime Minister Scott Morrison's conservative government needs to take more action to counter climate change, which experts say worsens the blazes. Thousands of protesters rallied late Friday in Sydney and Melbourne, calling for Morrison to be fired and for Australia to take tougher action on global warming.

The protesters carried placards saying, "We deserve more than your negligence," "This is ecosystem collapse" and "We can't breathe," referring to wildfire smoke that has choked both cities.

Australia is the world's biggest exporter of coal and liquid natural gas. Australians are also among the worst greenhouse gas emitters per capita.

On Friday, thousands of people in the path of fires fled to evacuation centers, while some chose to ignore evacuation orders and stayed to defend their homes.

White House eyes expanding travel ban

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, LISA MASCARO and JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House is considering dramatically expanding its much-litigated travel ban to additional countries amid a renewed election-year focus on immigration by President Donald Trump, according to six people familiar with the deliberations.

A document outlining the plans – timed to coincide with the third anniversary of Trump's January 2017 executive order – has been circulating the White House. But the countries that would be affected if it moves forward are blacked out, according to two of the people, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the measure has yet to be finalized.

It's unclear exactly how many countries would be included in the expansion if it proceeds, but two of the people said that seven countries – a majority of them Muslim – would be added to the list. The most recent iteration of the ban includes restrictions on five majority-Muslim nations: Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen, as well as Venezuela and North Korea.

A different person said the expansion could include several countries that were covered in the first iteration of Trump's ban, but later removed amid rounds of contentious litigation. Iraq, Sudan and Chad, for instance, had originally been affected by the order, which the Supreme Court upheld in a 5-4 vote after the administration released a watered-down version intended to withstand legal scrutiny.

Trump, who had floated a banning all Muslims from entering the country during his 2016 campaign, criticized his Justice Department for the changes, tweeting that DOJ "should have stayed with the original Travel Ban, not the watered down, politically correct version they submitted to S.C."

The countries on the proposed expansion list include allies that fall short on certain security measures. The additional restrictions were proposed by Department of Homeland Security officials following a review of security protocols and "identity management" for about 200 countries, according to the person.

Texas to reject new refugees

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas will no longer accept the resettlement of new refugees, becoming the first state known to do so under a recent Trump administration order, Gov. Greg Abbott said Friday.

Abbott's announcement could have major implications for refugees coming to the United States. Texas has large refugee populations in several of its cities and has long been a leader in settling refugees, taking in more than any other state during the 2018 governmental fiscal year, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Since the 2002 fiscal year, Texas has resettled an estimated 88,300 refugees, second only to California, according to the Pew Research Center.

In a letter released Friday, Abbott wrote that Texas "has been left by Congress to deal with disproportionate migration issues resulting from a broken federal immigration system." He added that Texas has done "more than its share."

Meghan, Harry miles apart as they start new independent life

By JILL LAWLESS and DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON — Prince Harry and his wife Meghan were taking the first steps into their new independent life on Friday, as a friend of the couple pushed back against accusations they blindsided Queen Elizabeth II with the announcement they would be stepping down from royal duties.

As Meghan flew back to Canada, where the couple spent a six-week Christmas break out of the public eye, Harry stayed in England, where the royal family sought to contain the crisis sparked by the couple's decision to effectively quit as senior royals.

The queen moved quickly to take control of the situation, ordering royal courtiers to sort out a future role for the couple within days. British media reported Friday that the monarch, who is at her Sandringham estate in eastern England, held a conference call with her son Prince Charles and grandsons Prince William and Prince Harry.

The royal family is said to be "hurt" by Harry and Meghan's decision to step down from their royal role, with reports claiming they were not told of the statement beforehand. But the queen, Charles and William have told their teams to work with government and the couple to sort out a solution.

In the meantime, Buckingham Palace confirmed Friday that Meghan had returned to Canada, where the couple and 8-month-old son Archie spent the holiday season at a secluded luxury home on Vancouver Island. The former actress is American but has longstanding ties to Canada, having lived in Toronto while filming the popular TV show "Suits."

The crisis talks were triggered by the pair's "personal message" Wednesday evening saying they were stepping back from being senior members of Britain's royal family, would work to become financially independent and would "balance" their time between the U.K. and North America.

Harry, 35, is sixth in line to the British throne, behind his father, older brother William and his brother's three children. The former British army officer is one of the royal family's most popular members and has spent his entire life in the public eye.

Matt Dunham / AP

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Andrew, Meghan the Duchess of Sussex and Prince Harry at Buckingham Palace in London in July 2018. As part of a surprise announcement distancing themselves from the British royal family, Prince Harry and his wife Meghan declared they will "work to become financially independent" – a move that has not been clearly spelled out and could be fraught with obstacles.

Before marrying the prince in a wedding watched around the world in 2018, the 38-year-old Meghan had carved out a successful career as an actress and lifestyle "influencer" with a popular blog, the now-defunct The Tig.

A friend of the couple, broadcaster Tom Bradby, said Harry and Meghan were made aware while in Canada over the holidays that the monarchy's future focus would be on those at the top of the line of succession. An image of the queen and the three next in line to the throne – Charles, William and his son George – underscored the message of who the Windsors see as their core members.

"It had been made clear to them in their absence there was going to be a slimmed down monarchy and they weren't really a part of it," said Bradby, an ITV television anchor who filmed revealing interviews with Harry and Meghan while they were in Africa last year.

Bradby described the royal split as inevitable. He said the wish by the couple, also known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, to leave the grind of front-line royal duty had been known, though the timing of their announcement was not.

"It's certainly not true to say the palace were blindsided by this," Bradby told ITV.

The royal rift has exposed more divisions within the British monarchy, which was rocked in November by Prince Andrew's disastrous television interview about his relationship with the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Andrew, the queen's second son, has relinquished royal duties and patronages after being accused by a woman who says she was an Epstein trafficking victim who slept with the prince.

Harry and Meghan have faced a barrage of criticism from the British press over their decision. They have long complained of intrusive media coverage and accused some British media commentators of racism towards the biracial Markle. This week they slammed the country's long-standing arrangements for royal media coverage and insisted that from now on they prefer to communicate directly with the public through social media.

Many in Britain, though, expressed sympathy for the royal couple. Labour Party lawmaker Clive Lewis told backers Friday at his campaign launch that he understood their decision.

"It is extremely unfortunate and a sign of the media we have that they feel they have to do this," he said. "I know it is not the only reason. But if you look at the intrusion on their lives, if you look at the racism that Meghan Markle has experienced in the British media, then I can understand why."

GOLF CARTS

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golf carts can only be driven during the day. So making owners have lights on their vehicle would be unnecessary. He also took issue with several other recommendations. "I can't believe at the speed they're driving a windshield is needed," he said. "Crash helmets seems to be way overkill."

Other planners, though, feel some of the safety measures such as lights are a good idea.

"In discussions I've had with people I'd like to think we don't need lights, but there's a lot of non-compliance," Rosalie Plechaty said. "I'd want to keep the stop lamp."

Concerns over whether to amend the city's golf cart ordinance was first addressed by the planning commission in November 2019.

Planners said they had heard a number of concerns and complaints for several years, most related to safety, from area residents.

Planners said golf cart drivers and passengers weren't following the ordinance, which stipulates, among other things, that carts can only be driven during the daytime, cannot go faster than 15 miles per hour, and that drivers have to signal when turning and drive as far to the right of the roadway as practicable. They also were concerned about the number of people riding on single golf carts.

"The biggest thing I see is the number of people they can fit onto a golf cart. It's amazing. It's like a clown cart," Neiss said at the November planning commission meeting.

South Haven isn't the only city that has concerns about golf carts.

Other municipalities that allow carts on their streets have enacted requirements that go above and beyond the basic state statute, according to Curcio. One such community is Milford, which requires its golf cart owners to have insurance, which can be added to their home insurance policy.

SEPIC

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Springs and a board member of the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Exchange Club. He also participated in the S.M.A.R.T. tutoring program in the Benton Harbor school district.

Sepic said he intends to remain in the area as his wife, Joann, continues to work as a supervisor at the Berrien County Department of Health and Human Services.

"She thinks it's also time," Sepic said. "For what it's worth, I'm in good health. It's just the idea of turning 70 this coming year has made me realize that it is an appropriate time."

Sepic and his wife live in Benton Harbor. Together they have three grown children.

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MAIN STREET

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers show that through May, water levels are expected to remain high and may even break the records set in 1986.

Experts don't expect the level to drop quickly since a number of factors drive lake levels, which tend to be cyclical.

Pfeiffer said one possible fix would be to raise that section of Main Street by 8-10 inches. He said MDOT's engineers are drawing up the plans so they are ready to make it happen if the study shows that this is the best option.

"We're certainly concerned about moving people up and down Main Street," he said.

Pfeiffer said he doesn't know how much that would cost. Another, more costly solution would be to install a pump station, he said.

Drain commissioner

Quattrin said his study will encompass the area's entire storm water system, not just on Main Street. He said flooding in the area has been a periodic problem for decades, but has gained more attention since last summer because when Main Street in front of Whirlpool is closed, drivers have to find another way to get in and out of the city.

During heavy rains, he said water is backing up along Riverview Drive, which intersects with Main Street, all the way to the U.S. Post Office.

"When (MDOT) redid Business Route 94, they did not look at the entire picture," he said. "They just looked at what's running off the road."

Jeff Noel, vice president of communications and public affairs at Whirlpool, said the company is dealing with water issues at both its Riverview Campus on Main Street and at the Benton Harbor Technology Center, which is just off Main Street at 151 N. Riverview Drive.

"We're just trying to be patient," he said. "It's a shared responsibility. We need to know what we need to do as a company."

Peter Colovos from Prairie Real Estate Group said his properties along Main Street started seeing flooding well before the near-record high water levels in Lake Michigan. He shared a photo from 2016 showing him standing in almost knee-deep water in the parking lot behind Saranac Flats.

Photo provided / Prairie Real Estate Group

This photo from Feb. 1, 2018, shows the wetland area near Saranac Flats on Main Street in Benton Harbor. The section on the far side of the fence was later filled in so the I&M Main Street substation in Benton Harbor could be moved further back on the I&M property. Peter Colovos from Prairie Real Estate contents that filling in this wetlands has made the flooding problem in the area worse.

Louise Wrege / HP staff

The proposed new site for the I&M Main Street substation in Benton Harbor, shown in December, is no longer wetlands. Peter Colovos from Prairie Real Estate says filling in this wetlands has made the flooding problem in the area worse.

When he was developing Saranac Flats, he said the state required him to spend almost $400,000 to install an underground water retention system around the building, which is supposed to slowly release the storm water from his property into the storm water system on Main Street.

But that's not what's been happening. When there's a heavy rain, he said water starts coming out of all of the grates in his parking lot.

"It's going the wrong way," he said. " ... It is, essentially, river water backing up into our parking lot. We've become the retention pond for the city."

Colovos said that if MDOT raises the portion of Main Street in front of Whirlpool by 8-10 inches, that may get the water off that section of the road, but it will make the flooding in the rest of the area worse.

Instead, he said MDOT should put the money toward developing a more comprehensive plan that fixes the flooding for everyone.

Both studies are expected to be completed sometime this spring.

Photo provided / Prairie Real Estate Group

Workers from Prairie Real Estate pump water from in front of group's building at 408 W. Main St. in Benton Harbor on July 20, 2018. Peter Colovos says flooding there has long been a problem, even before Lake Michigan water levels started reaching near-historic highs last summer.

I&M substation

Main Street isn't the only place where water is coming from to flood Colovos' property.

About a year ago, Indiana Michigan Power filled in a marshy area so the Main Street Substation at the corner of Main and 10th streets could be moved further back on the property owned by the company. Colovos said the water that used to drain into the marshy area is now adding to his adjacent property being flooded.

He talked about his concerns at a July 2018 Benton Harbor Planning Commission meeting before the marshy area was filled in.

Officials with I&M at the time said the water table in the area is six feet below the ground, which Colovos believes is inaccurate. He said it is actually 18 inches below the ground.

"I'm going on the record in the event that there's a lawsuit (and) there's flooding of property nearby that I'm challenging the calculations," he told planning commissioners at the time.

When contacted by email this week, a spokesperson said I&M is working with Benton Harbor officials to upgrade the Main Street substation and that there is no confirmed timeline for the project.

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LAKE LEVELS

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The Detroit District reported that the water levels of each lake peaked during this past summer or fall and since then have been in a seasonal decline. However, significant erosion continues in many locations as water levels remain extremely high. Strong storm systems and resulting large waves have led to substantial erosion along much of the Great Lakes coastline.

The Detroit District monitors and forecasts Great Lakes water levels and provides the data and analysis on their website at www.lre.usace.army.mil. The website also includes information about how to protect property and investments along the coast and related Corps programs.

In the event of natural disasters such as flooding, emergency permit procedures can be activated to expedite permits to reduce further damage, and protect life and property.

Permits are required from both EGLE and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to placement of any shore protection.

For more information or to access the joint permit application, go to Michigan.gov/High Water.

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Do you remember?

25 years ago – 1995

After Zenith Data Systems officials last week announced the product design staff was moving from St. Joseph to Buffalo Grove, Ill., 85 engineers have until Monday to make the agonizing decision to either accept the offer to move or lose their jobs and severance pay.

35 years ago – 1985

Whirlpool Corp. announced today it has agreed to acquire for an undisclosed amount of cash substantially all the assets of the KitchenAid Division of Hobart Corp., a business unit of Dart & Kraft Inc.

The transaction is expected to be completed in February and is subject to certain conditions, including governmental agency approval.

50 years ago – 1970

Some businesses in the Twin Cities suffered a virtual standstill during the two-day snow storm, but the bad weather helped one group of firms – service stations.

A check with area stations shows that most had up to 50 calls each day for a battery boost, a tow or a driveway in need of plowing. Calls meant extra cash. A service call for a dead battery added an average of $3-$6 to the till. If a customer's car was stuck he was charged anywhere from $10-$20. Driveways plowed meant from $5-$15 per hour. One station attendant, working part-time Thursday, made six calls around the Twin Cities to bring back nearly $100.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2020. There are 355 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 11, 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Grand Canyon National Monument (it became a national park in 1919).

On this date:

In 1861, Alabama became the fourth state to withdraw from the Union.

In 1913, the first enclosed sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th National Automobile Show in New York.

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu to Oakland, California, that made her the first person to fly solo across any part of the Pacific Ocean.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued "Smoking and Health," a report which concluded that "cigarette smoking contributes substantially to mortality from certain specific diseases and to the overall death rate."

In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Rain Likely	Rain Likely	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Isolated Rain	Mostly Cloudy
37°	29°	32° / 22°	37° / 29°	43° / 33°	37° / 22°

Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 100% chance of rain, high temperature of 37°, humidity of 85%. North northeast wind 18 to 23 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of rain, overnight low of 29°. South southeast wind 10 to 23 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:13 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:34 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 6:41 p.m.
Moonset ..... 9:02 a.m.

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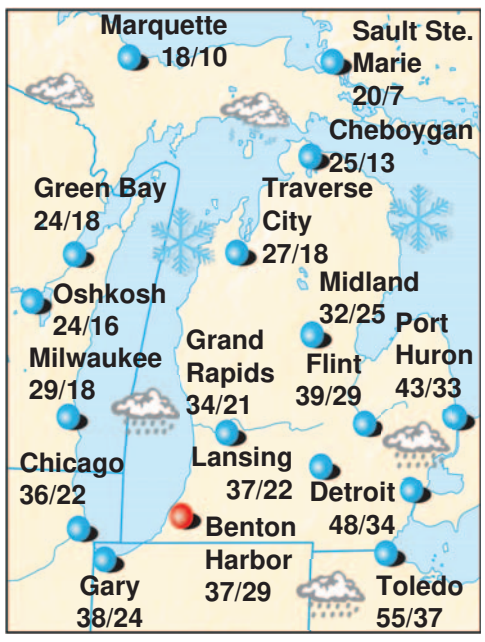
Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	51°
Low	46°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	56° in 2018
Record Low	-8° in 1999

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.01"
Month to date	0.02"
Normal for month	0.54"
Year to date	0.02"
Normal Year to date	0.54"

Air Quality

Yesterday 42
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What is brontophobia?

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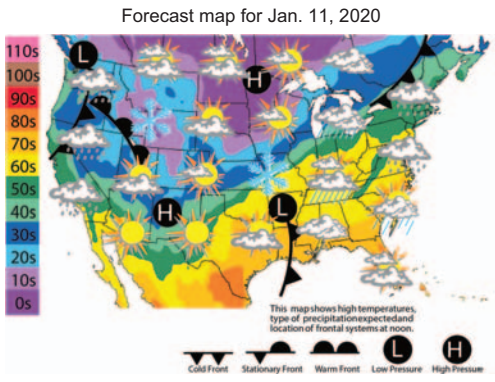
Answer: It is the fear of thunder.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 11, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, NE wind around 23 kt, with gusts as high as 35 kt. Rain. Some thunder is also possible. Waves 5 to 7 ft. Water temperature 37 degrees. Tonight, NE wind 17 to 21 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered snow, highs in the 10s and 20s. North northeast wind 16 to 22 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with widespread snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. Northeast wind 5 to 16 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread rain, highs in the 30s and 40s. North northeast wind 18 to 23 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 20s and 30s. South southwest wind 2 to 10 mph.

Official: DNA test to determine if coyote bit Chicago child

CHICAGO (AP) — DNA tests to determine if a coyote captured on Chicago's North Side is the same animal that attacked a 6-year-old boy will take weeks to complete, a city animal control official said Friday.

Jenny Schlueter of the Chicago Animal Care and Control said the coyote that was captured Thursday night will be held at a Chicago-area animal rehabilitation center until the tests are completed. Kelley Gandurski, the agency's executive director, said at a news conference Thursday that the coyote would eventually be relocated outside the city.

The animal was captured after being chased by Chicago police and animal control officers for several blocks. It was shot with a tranquilizer dart and taken in an animal control van to the animal rehabilitation center.

Schlueter said another coyote was spotted in the same part of the city on Thursday night but it eluded capture. Animal control officers continued to search for coyotes in the Lincoln Park neighborhood where a coyote attacked the 6-year-old boy, as well as downtown where a coyote was spotted and a man reported he was also bitten.

Experts say the majority of cases in which people believe they or their pets have been bitten by coyotes turn out to have been attacks by dogs, but Chicago officials remain confident, after talking to witnesses, that the animal that attacked the boy on Wednesday was a coyote. If that is the case, it would be the first confirmed coyote attack on a human in Illinois, according to a wildlife biologist with the Urban Coyote Research Project.

The two reported attacks on Wednesday, several recent coyote sightings and the rescue from Lake Michigan of a young coyote by the fire department's marine unit have focused intense attention on the city's wild coyote population.

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New Buffalo removes docks for the winter

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

NEW BUFFALO — Due to historically high waters levels on Lake Michigan, the city of New Buffalo has taken action to remove docks at its municipal marina to avoid them being damaged over the winter.

The docks could not be raised above the water level, which left them exposed to potential damage from freezing waters this winter.

"The community made an investment in the marina that we felt needed to be protected and it was decided removing docks for the winter was the most prudent course of action," New Buffalo Mayor Lou O'Donnell IV said in a news release. "This will also allow us to perform additional maintenance on the docks that would not have been possible if they remained in the water."

City Manager David Richards said work began Monday and was finished two days later.

"We pulled them out and stacked them on the ground so we can clean them up and paint them," Richards said Friday. "This is the first time we've ever had to pull the docks out."

To remove the docks, Richards said it cost the city $130,000. The city paid for the expense through its general fund.

A team from Abonmarche, the city's engineer-of-record and King Co. – a general contractor out of Holland – developed a plan to remove the docks and reinstall them for the 2020 boating season.

When reinstalled in the spring, the docks will be at an appropriate level in relation to the projected water levels.

"By taking this action with the docks, our marina will be better positioned to meet the expectations of boaters during the upcoming boating season," O'Donnell said in the release. "For most of the last season, our docks were at or under water negatively impacting their availability. Next year, boaters will be able to use and enjoy the marina as they were able to in previous years."

Near record water levels on Lake Michigan have been a challenge to lake Michigan communities for the past year.

Numerous marinas had to disconnect power systems to docks when they ended up underwater, many marina slips became unusable, and property owners along the coast have had to armor their shoreline to protect homes.

High water levels are expected to remain and be a challenge to coastal communities throughout 2020.

Far from dune

New Buffalo's Dune Walk will see a significant investment during the upcoming fiscal year.

The city was recently notified it was selected to receive a $220,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund. The grant will be matched by $220,000 in local resources resulting in a $440,000 project.

The Dune Walk is considered an iconic part of the community and has been home to countless senior class pictures, wedding proposals and other memories for local residents and visitors.

The funding comes as the existing Dune Walk was nearing the end of its functional lifecycle.

"The timing on this grant was perfect," O'Donnell said. "Not only will we be able to renovate and improve the existing Dune Walk, but we also will be constructing a second ADA accessible walkway into the dunes so that people of all abilities can enjoy the dunes and their sweeping views of Lake Michigan."

Other project elements will include planting dune grasses to protect the dune area as well as installing educational signage to inform people on the importance of dunes and their unique ecosystems.

Abonmarche helped the city develop a funding application that was ranked seventh overall from all applications submitted to the state.

City officials expect to get its final grant agreement in mid-2020 at which point the design and construction process will begin.

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Foggy day for fishing

Don Campbell / HP staff

Fishermen work the waters off the South Pier in a heavy fog Friday afternoon in St. Joseph as the mild January temperatures continue.

Benton Twp. adopts water, sewer improvement plans

Trustees turn attention to funding infrastructure projects

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Benton Township trustees recently adopted the sewer and water system capital improvement plans in an effort to determine improvement needs and introduce maintenance programs.

The township has been actively managing the needs of its water and sewer systems for the past decade and decided to evaluate what was needed and to seek out financial strategies that could help update the systems.

Both capital improvement plans – approved at Tuesday's board meeting – provide the township's water and sewer system improvement priorities, a timeline for accomplishing the needed improvements, and a financial strategy to implement the plan.

"Adoption of these plans will be crucial for future funding opportunities, especially through the state," Clerk Carolyn Phillips said in an email to The Herald-Palladium.

The board also approved a notice of intent to apply for state revolving loan funds for sewer improvement projects at Tuesday's board meeting. However, no actual application is being filed yet, Phillips said Friday.

At a November workshop session, the board sat through a handful of presentations concerning a 20-year capital improvement plan that would address some extensive water infrastructure projects, from water mains to storage tanks.

Under the 20-year capital improvements plan that Prein & Newhof assembled, the township is looking at water main replacements, intake and raw water pumping improvements, storage improvements and treatment plant improvements.

Construction of the Benton Township wastewater collection system began in the 1920s. Today, about two thirds of the system consists of infrastructure installed from the 1920s through the 1950s. As the system continues to age and deteriorate, certain parts need to be repaired or replaced to provide the desired level of sewer service in a cost-effective manner.

After months of holding meetings and workshops on how the township could address its aging infrastructure, trustees agreed to raise water and sewer rates through the next decade.

In December, trustees voted for a one-time sewer rate increase of 15 percent in 2020 – as well as a 4.5 percent increase each year from 2021 through 2029.

For water rates, the board approved a one-time increase of 15.25 percent in 2020, plus a 4.5 percent increase each year from 2021 through 2025.

The sewer rate increase took effect Jan. 1, 2020, and the water rate increase begins Jan. 15, 2020.

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Berrien County Trial Court

Sentences

St. Joseph

Drugs

Adam A. Kirby, 41, of North Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor, 120 days in jail, credit for 56 days served, and $198 in costs for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Sept. 7, 2019, in Watervliet. Any part of sentence may be served at an in-patient treatment center.

Samantha K. Johnson, 34, of Cass Street, Niles, two concurrent terms of 1 year in jail, credit for 48 days served, $938 in fines and costs and 2 years in jail for possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams cocaine, second offense; and tampering with evidence June 25, 2019, in St. Joseph.

Tori K. Bailey, 29, of Adams Street, Benton Harbor, 120 days in jail and $198 in costs for manufacture or delivery of an imitation controlled substance Nov. 5, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Tasha M. Levering, 28, of Battle Creek, 150 days in jail, credit for 50 days served, and $198 in costs for possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams cocaine, Sept. 2, 2019, in Benton Township.

Jared E. Tuszynski, 29, of Maplewood Street, Bridgman, 60 days in jail, credit for 42 days served, $2,118 in fines and costs, 40 hours community service, 2 years probation and completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Nov. 26, 2019, in Bridgman.

Assault

Demarion W. Perry, 21, of East May Street, Benton Harbor, 90 days in jail, credit for 26 days served, $1,298 in fines and costs, $750 in restitution and 2 years probation for assault with a dangerous weapon, an assault on Barry Yakim Sr. with a pistol March 27, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Joshua J. Gallegos, 35, of Benjamin Street, Benton Harbor, two concurrent terms of 45 days in jail, credit for 14 days served, $1,238 in fines and costs, 120 days on SCRAM tether and 2 years probation for attempted assault with a dangerous weapon and domestic violence, an assault on a woman with a BB gun Nov. 2, 2019, in St. Joseph Township.

Joseph M. Blackman, 22, of South Bend, Ind., 4-10 years in prison for assault with intent to do great bodily harm or strangulation; a concurrent term of 23 months to 4 years, credit for 98 days served, and $198 in costs for assault with a dangerous weapon; and a consecutive and preceding term of 2 years for weapons felony firearms, Sept. 28, 2019, in Benton Harbor. Blackman assaulted a man with a pistol Sept. 28, 2019, in Benton Harbor, according to court records.

Assaulting/resisting police

Kevin T. Stewart, 26, of North Cherry Drive, Stevensville, 3 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, $978 in fines and costs, 90 days on SCRAM

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Ask a Cop

LT. JULIE FLICK
Berrien County Sheriff's Department

BC Sheriff's Dept. alcohol breath test is reliable

The New York Times recently reported on an investigation that showed alcohol breath tests are often unreliable. What do you think of those findings? How much do you trust breath tests? Have you ever had someone you arrested argue with the accuracy of the breath test and what was the result of that? What could be done to improve the system of arresting/convicting impaired drivers?

Dee Dee, St. Joseph

Dee Dee, thank you for your question. I contacted Deputy Brandon Wall to explain how our breath test device works. He is certified through the State of Michigan to oversee our Datamaster program at the Berrien County Sheriff's Office. He advised me the following:

"While no man-made mechanical device can be expected to function perfectly 100 percent of the time, the device used in the state of Michigan for court purposes is an infrared evidential breath alcohol instrument, or the Datamaster Transportable (DMT) machine manufactured by National Patent Analytical Systems Inc. This machine has been used in Michigan since around 2011. It is calibrated and self-checked weekly and monitored by a certified and trained officer. The weekly test sample must be within .004 of the known target value, or the machine will take itself out of service. The machine is also inspected and certified by the state every 120 days. While similar technology, this machine was not the main focus of the New York Times article. The article spoke of software errors and bad calibration and record keeping practices by police departments.

The current machine uses infrared light to measure grams of alcohol in a sample of 210 liters of breath. While the previous technology used in Michigan functioned in the same way, it was calibrated by a trained officer mixing a solution much like one would in a chemistry class lab, leaving potential for human error. The new machine auto-calibrates with

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Names released in standoff incident

By HP STAFF

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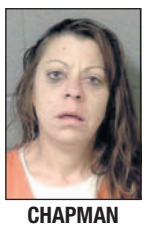
CHAPMAN

NILES — The names of the couple arrested early Thursday morning after a standoff with police near Niles have been released.

Adam John Neiman, 41, and Clemie Brandy Jean Chapman, 41, were arraigned in Cass County District Court on Friday, according to a news release from the Cass County Sheriff's Department.

Neiman was arraigned on charges of kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment, second-degree child abuse, possession of a firearm by a felon, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault/resisting and obstructing on a police officer, felony firearms during the commission of a felony, fourth-degree child abuse and notice to charge him as a third offense habitual offender. He was not granted a bond.

Chapman was arraigned on charges of resisting and obstructing justice, with a bond of $5,000.

The couple was arrested after a near 13-hour standoff at their Redfield Street residence in Cass County's Milton Township.

The incident began at about 1:35 p.m. Wednesday when members of the Fugitive Apprehension Street Team, along with the U.S. Marshal's Service Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force, went to the house in an attempt to get information and/or locate a fugitive wanted in LaPorte County, Ind., for several alleged offenses.

Inside the house were Neiman, Chapman and a 5-year-old child. Neiman allegedly showed a firearm, forcing a police sergeant to retreat, according to police. About a dozen police agencies were involved with the incident, which included safely freeing the child and getting the two adults to surrender peacefully around 2:30 a.m. Thursday.

COP

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calibration gas, thus eliminating this potential.

The machine also has safeguards built into the testing process. Officers ensure there are no foreign objects in a subject's mouth and monitor the person for 15 minutes prior to testing. A subject is then actually asked for two samples as a double-check verification, even though only one is required. The two samples should not vary by more than 1-4 percent depending on the level of intoxication, in a sense admitting there is a slight margin of acceptable error. Based on that standard, a person blowing a 0.14 BAC could actually be a 0.13-0.15 BAC. Or a person blowing over a 0.35 BAC could actually be a 0.31-0.39 BAC.

Before and between subject samples, the machine will purge and a blank test is taken that should register as a .000 BAC. When the subject blows into the instrument, the sample will not register if it does not amount to the required amount of breath. The machine will also display an error if there is any kind of interference, calibration issue, or chemical other than ethanol present in the process."

So to answer your questions, I trust our Datamaster breath test machine, and have not had anyone challenge the accuracy of the breath test machine in court. I believe that it is essential for departments who have breath testing machines to keep proper records and calibrate their machine as directed by the state and manufacturer.

Send in your questions about the law; get an answer from those who enforce it. Email your question to AskACop@TheHP.com and it may be featured in an article.

COURT

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tether and 18 months probation for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Benton Harbor Public Safety Officer Blake Kinzler Oct. 27, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Deandre S. Taylor, 22, of South Hull Avenue, Benton Harbor, 120 days in jail, credit for 65 days served, $198 in costs and forfeiture of a revolver and a pistol for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Benton Harbor Public Safety Officer Chad Williams Jan. 1, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Other

Vincent F. Trapani, 72, of Maplewood Street, Bridgman, 1 day in jail, credit for 1 day served, $1,535 in fines and costs, $180 in restitution and 5 years probation for attempted fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct using force or coercion with a person under age 13 Feb. 19, 2019, in New Buffalo Township.

Gregory Collins, 52, of Hull Avenue, Benton Harbor, 270 days in jail, credit for 51 days served, $198 in costs and $245 in restitution for larceny in a building, stealing a wallet, Sept. 4, 2019, in Benton Township.

Kotina L. Atkins, 33, of Ogden Avenue, Benton Harbor, 60 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, and $198 in costs for tampering with an electronic device, removing a jail tether monitor, June 19, 2019, in Benton Township.

Divine M. Heard, 18, of South Bend, Ind., 120 days in jail, credit for 57 days served, $898 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle Oct. 28, 2019, in Niles.

What qualifies as an assistance animal?

Workshop set for Jan. 30

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — There is a lot of confusion about what qualifies as a service animal and how they differ from emotional support animals.

The Disability Network Southwest Michigan will host a free workshop from 3-4:30 p.m. Jan. 30 titled "Do's & Don'ts: Assistance Animals." The event at the Disability Network's office at 2900 Lakeview Ave., St. Joseph, is free, but pre-registration is advised by contacting Miranda Grunwell at grunwellm@dnswm.org or 269-345-1516, ext. 120.

The Disability Network office is a fragrance-free environment, and attendees are asked not to wear perfume, cologne or other scented products to the event.

Founded in 1981 by a small group of disability advocates, Disability Network Southwest Michigan educates and connects people with disabilities to the community resources they need to live independently and advocates for social change.

Disability Network's advocacy work is focused on creating communities that value disability as human diversity, free of attitudinal barriers, where all people benefit with full access and inclusion. Learn more about Disability Network Southwest Michigan at www.dnwm.org.

IN BRIEF

Man arrested after narcotics search warrant

WATERVLIET — A man was arrested in Watervliet Township on Wednesday on charges of possessing firearms and ammunition as a felon, police say.

In was reported in a news release that Chadwic Danyal Menkhaus was arrested after the Southwest Enforcement Team (SWET), along with members of the Michigan State Police Fifth District Hometown Security Team, the Berrien County Sheriff's Department, and the Watervliet Township Police Department executed a narcotics search warrant in the 3900 block of Jaquelyn Lane.

Information of drug activity led detectives to the residence. Drug paraphernalia, ammunition and a loaded firearm were found, according to the release.

Menkhaus is being held in the Berrien County Jail on charges of possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of ammunition by a felon.

Additional charges will be sought by SWET detectives as the investigation is still under review by Berrien County Prosecutor's office, according to the news release.

Van Buren hosting info sessions about millage renewal

LAWRENCE — Van Buren County Road Commission plans to host two public information meetings for area residents who want to learn more about the upcoming road millage renewal proposal.

The meetings will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 30 and Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Van Buren Conference Center, 490 S. Paw Paw St., Lawrence.

Voters in March will be asked whether to approve the existing four-year 0.9769-mill for maintenance, construction and repair of county roads. If approved, the millage would generate approximately $3.3 million in its first year.

Homeowners with a property tax valuation of $50,000 would pay $49 annually in taxes.

In addition to discussing the millage renewal, road commission officials also will talk about current road conditions and available road funding. There will also be time reserved for public input and questions.

Rep. Griffin announces January office hours

State Rep. Beth Griffin, R-Mattawan, has announced office hours for January.

"As we begin a new year and adjust to the new budget, it is important for me to hear what issues and priorities the people of Southwest Michigan care about," said Griffin, who represents the 66th District, which covers Van Buren County and a small portion of Kalamazoo County.

Rep. Griffin will be available Monday, Jan. 27 at the following times and locations:

- 9-10 a.m. at Greenglass Coffee, 229 E. Michigan Ave. in Paw Paw;
- 11 a.m.-noon at South Haven Memorial Library, 314 Broadway St. in South Haven;
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Bangor City Hall, 257 W. Monroe St. in Bangor;

No appointments are necessary. Those who are unable to attend at the scheduled times but would like an opportunity to talk with Rep. Griffin may call her office at 517-373-0839 or email BethGriffin@house.mi.gov.

Shoe test adds strange twist to Detroit wrongful conviction

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Blood on the shoe of a Detroit teenager who was convicted but subsequently cleared of four murders reveals DNA from one of the victims, state police said after a high-tech analysis by a private company.

State police cautioned, however, that it's "preliminary information." The company, Cybergenetics, also said the "preliminary unconfirmed results" shouldn't be used for civil or criminal justice purposes until more work is done.

But the disclosure adds an odd curve to the saga of Davontae Sanford, who was 14 in 2007 when he was charged with four fatal shootings in his Detroit neighborhood. He pleaded guilty during trial, although later insisted he was innocent and only made a deal because he felt desperate and poorly represented by his lawyer.

Sanford, now 27, was released from prison in 2016 after prosecutors said the case was spoiled by police misconduct.

Separately, a professional hit man said he committed the Runyon Street killings, not Sanford. Vincent Smothers gave a detailed account to investigators while Sanford was behind bars. Smothers is in prison for eight killings but hasn't been charged in the Runyon homicides.

The state of Michigan paid $408,000 to Sanford for a wrongful conviction. He's now suing Detroit police in federal court, alleging his rights were violated during the investigation.

The recent shoe analysis was revealed in court filings by attorneys who are defending police in the lawsuit. The Wayne County prosecutor's office wasn't aware that the shoes were in police custody and signed off on the exams, spokeswoman Maria Miller said.

A member of Sanford's legal team, Emma Freudenberger, has asked U.S. District Judge David Lawson to take the filing off the public record. She accused the opposing lawyers of trying to "harass" Sanford and "taint the jury pool with facially incompetent and unsupported prejudicial statements."

"There is no report, there are no official results and experts have raised serious concerns about the reliability of TrueAllele's techniques," Freudenberger said Friday, referring to the method. "More important, we know from all the other evidence in the case that our client is innocent, so we fully expect that this will have no impact on the case."

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Edd Byrnes, 'Kookie' in '77 Sunset Strip,' dies

By ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Edd Byrnes, who played cool kid Kookie on the hit TV show "77 Sunset Strip," scored a gold record with a song about his character's hair-combing obsession and later appeared in the movie "Grease," has died. He was 87.

Byrnes died Wednesday at his home in Santa Monica, his son, Logan Byrnes, said in a statement.

Byrnes, who was born Edward Byrne Breitenberger in New York City, came from a poor family. His alcoholic father died when he was 13.

Byrnes worked a variety of jobs, but he yearned for an acting career.

At 17, he began to work as a photographer's model and was drawn into male hustling with wealthy older men that introduced him to a "strange world" of "art, wealth, sadism, limousines, sex for money, theater and fine restaurants," Byrnes wrote in his 1996 autobiography, " 'Kookie' No More."

Still pursuing acting, in 1955 he drove to LA "with a few hundred dollars and a dream of making it big in the entertainment business," his son wrote.

Byrnes was best known as Kookie on the private-detective series "77 Sunset Strip," which ran from ran from 1958 to 1964. Byrnes played a hip parking attendant at a Hollywood nightclub who helped out with cases. He was known for his hipster lingo, including the catch phrase "Baby, you're the ginchiest!"

When he wasn't making wisecracks, Gerald Lloyd "Kookie" Kookson III was lovingly combing his well-greased hairdo.

The show made Byrnes a teen idol who at the height of his popularity received 15,000 fan letters a week.

"Kookie, Kookie (Lend Me Your Comb)," a novelty record he recorded with Connie Stevens, sold more than 1 million copies and rose to No. 4 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in May 1959.

He appeared in dozens of movies and on episodes of several TV shows, including "Fantasy Island" and "Murder, She Wrote." In 1975, Byrnes was hired to host a new game show called "Wheel of Fortune" and filmed two pilots, but the job eventually went to Chuck Woolery.

He was married to actress Asa Maynor from 1962 to 1971. The marriage ended in divorce.

In addition to his son, he is survived by his partner, Catherine Gross; a sister, Jo-Ann Breitenberger; and a brother, Vincent Breitenberger.

Obituaries

Frederick M. Nearanz

Frederick M. Nearanz, 78, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020.

He was born on Dec. 30, 1941, to Frederick E. and Frieda (Rhodea) Nearanz in Coopersville, Mich. Fred served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves. He spent his whole working career in the foundry industry and retired as a plant superintendent for Ancast Inc. Fred was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was very active at Fruitland Baptist Church and recently attended Laketon Bethel Reformed Church.

NEARANZ

Fred was, most of all, a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He loved spending time with his family and always loved cooking his famous hamburger stew and chili for all the grandkids. Fred showed amazing brotherly love and would always put the needs of others first. On June 17, 1966, he married the former Kathleen Jackson, and they spent 53 happy years together.

Kathleen survives him, along with his children, Renita (Ray) Diehlman, Katie (Bill) Lederer, Trina Nearanz, Lorree (Dale) Huizenga and Joey Jensen; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; brothers, Edward (Lonnie) Nearanz and David (Shirley) Nearanz; his extended Jackson family; many nieces and nephews; and dear friends, John and Jan Muir and John and Dena Adriance.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Benjamin Nearanz.

The Nearanz family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. John F. Schonder and his dedicated nursing staff at the Bronson Heart Center for their love and support given to Fred over the years. A graveside service for Fred will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Fruitland Township Cemetery. Following the graveside service, a celebration of Fred's life will take place at the VFW Post 8846 (1061 Witham Road). For a more lasting memory, donations in Fred's name can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Feel free to share a memory with the family at www.sytsemafh.com.

Ronald C. Jackson

Ronald C. Jackson, 68, of Grand Junction passed away Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020, at his home after a long battle with leukemia.

Ron was born March 21, 1951, in Benton Harbor, the son of Walter and Shirley (Teter) Jackson, and had lived in Grand Junction for the majority of his life. He served in the U.S. Army, in Germany, during the Vietnam conflict. Ron was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather who enjoyed racing and stock cars, animals, gardening, canning green beans and tomatoes, motorcycle trips and trips to Aruba.

Surviving are his wife, Schyrle, whom he married Dec. 19, 1970; mother, Shirley Certa of Bangor; two daughters, Renee (Adam) Dryer of Coloma and Lisa (Ray) Corona of Grand Junction; seven grandchildren: Nicholas, Cassidy, Shawn, Madison, Jackson, Kendra and Caleb; two brothers, Bruce (Kathy) Jackson and Gary Jackson; and a niece, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Jackson.

The family will meet friends for sharing of memories from 5-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at the Bangor American Legion, 19 N. Center St., Bangor. According to his wishes, cremation has taken place. The family suggests memorials be made to the Al-Van Humane Society.

Joseph G. Adams

Joseph G. Adams, 74, of Fishers, Ind., formerly of Sister Lakes passed away peacefully at home on the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 6, 2020.

ADAMS

Joseph was born on March 4, 1945, in Benton Harbor, the son of Howard Adams and Irene (Wetzel) Adams Nightlinger. He graduated from Eau Claire High School in Eau Claire with the class of 1963, and served in the Michigan National Guard. Joe married the love of his life, Connie Maureen Litke, on June 4, 1966, and they celebrated 53 years of marriage.

Joe worked as a lineman/technician for Michigan Bell/Ameritech for over 31 years in the Southwest Michigan area, but also traveled throughout Michigan for his career to help where needed. He was a firefighter/EMT and fire chief with the Sister Lakes Volunteer Fire Department. Joe was a member of CWA and Pioneers of America.

Joe loved to snowmobile, fish and hunt, taking friends and family out on their pontoon on Dewey Lake where they lived for over 48 years. Later in life he enjoyed traveling, camping and learning the art of stained glass. He loved working with his hands and had such a loving heart for everyone; he would help anyone at any time. After retiring he enjoyed watching college football and spending time with his grandchildren whenever he could.

Joe is survived by his loving wife, Connie Adams; daughters, Michelle Corne (Robert) and Tonya Niece (Joel); grandchildren, Ella and Madeline Corne and Connor, Avery, Jude and Gabriel Niece; sister, Beverly Sobieski (Ben); and many in-laws, nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Melissa Adams; and brothers, Robert and John Adams.

A memorial service will be held in Michigan at a later date. Those who wish to remember Joe with a memorial donation are asked to consider either Ascension At Home/St. Vincent Hospice of Indianapolis or Indiana Parkinson Foundation. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory, Indianapolis.

Edna L. Koehneke

After experiencing countless joys as a child of God, Edna L. Koehneke was called home to heaven and fell asleep in Jesus Christ on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020, at the age of 92.

KOEHNEKE

On at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 13, the celebration of Edna's coronation will take place in a service of praise to God at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Dale Koehneke officiating. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, at the funeral home, as well as from 10 a.m. until time of service on Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to Sarett Nature Center. Those wishing to leave a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Edna L. Koehneke was born and raised in Detroit. She was married to the Rev. Paul Koehneke of Milwaukee in 1950, enjoying more than 67 years of partnership, family life and shared ministry. They were blessed with five children: the Rev. Dale (Donna) of Salem, Ore., Paul (Sharon) of Springboro, Ohio, David (Barb) of Downers Grove, Ill., Karen of St. Joseph and Mark of Chicago. They were also blessed with eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Besides her priorities of raising five children, Edna was also active as a faithful volunteer in the congregations they served in Illinois and Michigan, as well as at the hospital in St. Joseph. As the children grew up, she began working as a medical assistant for Dr. Sekharan and Dr. Beal. Prior to her marriage, she was also employed at Dun & Bradstreet in Detroit.

Edna loved to bake, and for many holiday seasons, people looked forward to her colorful plates of cookies at Christmas. An avid gardener, she appreciated a full season of blooms – especially from her favorite rose garden. And given her love of photography, she captured many beautiful sunsets over Lake Michigan.

In later years, she created a part-time business called "Edna's Quilts," which allowed her to pursue her passion for quilting. Baby quilts were one of her specialties, and she treasured the thought that hundreds of babies had been kept warm by her handcrafted creations.

Edna also initiated her own greeting card ministry, which involved sending out hundreds of cards each year to members of her church and the local community. She handpicked each card to match the individual and occasion and always included a special personal note of inspiration.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Paul Koehneke; her father, Delos Woodard, and mother, Helen Woodard-Domke; two brothers, Chuck Woodard and Richard Woodard; and three sisters, Ruth Richmond, Delphine Veldkamp and Delores Mercurio.

Edna gives all praise and glory to the Lord for her 92 years of life. She loved her Savior, her family and her many friends. Her faith in Jesus remained her highest priority and the main focus during her entire life.

* To God Alone Be Glory*

Bertha G. Amtower

Bertha G. Amtower of Sister Lakes, formerly of Homewood, Ill., originally from Battle Creek, Mich., passed peacefully on Dec. 30, 2019, at age 90.

AMTOWER

She was the loving wife and business partner of the late Harold H. Amtower; the beloved mother of Dennis Amtower (and his wife, Jane), Dr. Kenneth Amtower (and his wife, Sherry), Cathy Beatty (and her husband, Chuck) and Judy Amtower; the cherished grandmother of Heather Amtower, Sarah Amtower, Nicole Settles (Seth) and Krista Beatty (James); great-grandmother of three; sister to Mary, Barbara, Violet, the late Martha and the late Leslie; and beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Bertha had a very successful career in mastectomy prosthetics in the South Chicago Heights business, AAA Prosthetics and Orthotics, Inc. Bertha was well-known by family, friends and her community for her loving-kindness and her undying devotion to Jesus Christ.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at Berrien Center Bible Church, 8830 M-140, Berrien Center, MI 49102. In lieu of flowers, donations are preferred to Berrien Center Bible Church.

Sally Jean (Vos) Kibler

Sally Jean (Vos) Kibler, 60, of Holland, Mich., passed away peacefully on the morning of Jan. 4, 2020.

KIBLER

Sally will always be remembered for her infectious smile and welcoming personality. She was the eternal optimist in her two-year battle with breast cancer.

Mrs. Kibler was the last of four children born to Edward and Joyce Vos. She worked for over 30 years at Herman Miller, creating a network of friends and coworkers around the globe. Sally's real joy came from her desire to create beautiful things. She was always making something new and exciting in her basement workshop. Glass work was her specialty and she was known for creating one-of-a-kind custom colorful jewelry under the name of Kibler's Kreations. Mrs. Kibler had a generous heart and gave away many of her pieces of art to family and friends alike. Sally was given the name Sister Sally Sunshine by her YaYa Sisterhood. She enjoyed friendships in her craft group, the lunch bunch, the Wild Clogs, the Bunco girls and many more. If you met Sally, you were her friend.

She will forever be missed by her loving husband of 40 years, Richard Kibler; children, Scott (Pam) Kibler and Heather (Chris) Silguero; five grandchildren, Zoe, Zion, Yzrael, Giuliet and Lydia; one great-granddaughter, Aria; siblings, Judy Parrot and Ken (Joan) Vos; sisters-in-law, Kathy (John) Evers and Deb Vos; several nieces and nephews; and let's not forget her pups, she LOVED her pups – Masi, Lola and Bailey.

Sally was preceded in death by her beloved brother, Don in 2018; brother-in-law, Roger Parrott; niece, Kelly McNeill; and many of her furry canine kiddos.

In lieu of flowers, you may donate in Sally's name to Camp Sunshine or Holland Community Hospital Foundation. If you are attending the visitation or the celebration of life, please wear something bright and colorful to honor the person Sally was.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at Fellowship Reformed Church, 2165 W. Lakewood Blvd. with Pastors Lindsay Small and Nate Schipper presiding.

Professional services entrusted to the Dykstra Funeral Home – Northwood Chapel. Visit www.dykstrafuneralhome.com to sign an online registry or to leave a memory.

Death notices

Joseph G. Adams, 74, of Fishers, Ind., formerly of Sister Lakes died Jan. 6, 2020 at home. Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory, Indianapolis, (317) 841-7878.

Bertha G. Amtower, 90, of Sister Lakes, formerly of Homewood, Ill., died Dec. 30, 2019, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, Ill. Illiana Cremation Society, Danville, Ill., (800) 618-4593.

Debra Fleming, 58, of South Bend, Ind., died Jan. 9, 2020, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Mary E. Hicks, 77, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 9, 2020, at her residence. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Ronald C. Jackson, 68, of Grand Junction died Jan. 9, 2020, at home. Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home, 427-7551.

Sally J. (Vos) Kibler, 60, of Holland, Mich., died Jan. 4, 2020. Dykstra Funeral Home, Holland, (616) 392-2348.

Frederick M. Nearanz, 78, of Muskegon, Mich., died Jan. 5, 2020. Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, Norton Shores, Mich., (231) 726-5210.

Frank Small, 74, of Stevensville died Jan. 7, 2020, at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Ivan Passer, a leading Czech New Wave filmmaker, dies at 86

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK — Ivan Passer, a leading filmmaker of the Czech New Wave who with Milos Forman fled Soviet-controlled Prague and forged a celebrated career in Hollywood, has died. He was 86.

Passer died Thursday in Reno, Nevada, said a friend of the family, Amina Johns. An attorney for Passer, Rodney Sumpter, said Passer had been dealing with pulmonary issues.

Passer and Forman met as boys at a boarding school in Czechoslovakia in the years after World War II. (Their classmates included the future playwright and president of the future democratic Czechoslovakia, Vaclav Havel.) After reuniting at the Prague Film Academy, Passer and Foreman's collaboration and friendship became central to the Czech New Wave in the 1960s, a period when avant-garde auteurs took international cinema by storm with wry, mordant depictions of life behind the Iron Curtain.

"We were all united, one way or another, with desire to expose the regime on the screen," Passer told The Los Angeles Times. "And we got away with it because the regime was melting."

Passer co-wrote several of Forman's first films, including the Oscar-nominated "Loves of a Blonde," about a young woman seeking romance in small-town Czechoslovakia, and "The Fireman's Ball," a colorful satire of eastern European communism that was banned in their home country but also nominated for an Academy Award.

Passer made his directorial debut in 1965's "Intimate Lighting," a gentle, comic film about a cellist visiting provincial Czechoslovakia. It, too, was banned by the Communist Party.

After the Soviets invaded Czechoslovakia in August 1968 and a cultural crackdown followed, Passer and Forman fled Prague the following January. Passer often recalled their narrow escape. The two lacked exit visas, but a guard on the Austrian border, who knew Forman's films, let them pass.

They emigrated to America. There, Forman became one of the top filmmakers, directing Academy Award-winners "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Amadeus."

Of Passer's U.S. films, none is more beloved than "Cutter's Way," the 1981 neo-noir thriller starring Jeff Bridges and John Heard. Though the film's release was bungled by United Artists, "Cutter's Way," directed by Passer, is considered a classic portrait of post-Vietnam malaise.

Passer made the realistic addiction drama "Born to Win" (1971), featuring a young Robert De Niro; "Law and Disorder" (1974), with Carroll O'Connor and Ernest Borgnine; and "Silver Bears" (1978), with Michael Caine and Cybill Shepherd.

The 1992 HBO film "Stalin," starring Robert Duvall as the Soviet leader, was a standout. It won three Golden Globes.

Passer is survived by his wife, Anne Passer; a son, Ivan Max Passer; and several nieces and nephews.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

A story in Thursday's paper on B1, "Township shuts down informal church," contained an error. The story should have said the Barn Church pastors, Shane and Kara McLean, are assisting friends to plant a church in Benton Harbor, called The Well. They are not planning an expansion there themselves.

hp BUSINESS

‘Your call is important to us’: Not really, study shows

By JACKIE CROSBY
(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — If you think customer service has gone to the dogs, guess what? Many companies don’t care.

Research from the University of Minnesota posits many businesses intentionally make it hard for consumers to complain – and it works.

“There may be profitable advantages for the firm to induce customer hassles,” said Yi Zhu, an associate marketing professor at the Carlson School of Management and co-author of a report on customer service frustrations. “If they refund everything, they’re going to lose money.”

With the busy holiday-shopping season over, more consumers are finding themselves dealing with returns, travel delays and such things as service contracts for cable TV or smartphones.

Zhu decided to apply academic rigor to the subject after being put through the ringer by a large airline company.

His co-author, Anthony Dukes, a marketing professor at the University of Southern California, was pulling his hair out dealing with a bank over a mortgage issue.

“Why do all these companies use similar ways to beat you up, to make it harder to talk to somebody to get a refund?” Zhu wondered. “That was the starting point to think academically about this.”

The two essentially set out to test the old market-ing saw, “Please hold. Your call is important to us.”

The answer: Maybe not so much.

Companies deliberately employ inefficient, multi-step processes hoping that you will give up so they can avoid giving you a replacement or refund, according to the report. As a “collateral benefit,” companies avoid the labor costs of hiring people who might be able to solve your problem.

“If you have this tiered design, you can definitely improve your profit – and you can definitely (tick) people off in the process,” Zhu said.

For context, Zhu said he and Dukes relied on anecdotal stories and other published reports rather than independently measuring customer service models across various industries. But they were able to develop a mathematical model around a “unit hassle cost,” which they defined as the level of annoyance or frustration a person experiences when being inconvenienced.

Customers with less severe complaints find that the additional hassle of speaking with a manager is not worthwhile.

Zhu and Dukes demonstrated how a company’s tiered customer-service operation “exploits customer hassle costs” to screen claims and reduce the number of payouts. (The authors acknowledge that this process also enables companies to screen out illegitimate claims.)

“You call them, most of the time you don’t talk to a real person,” Zhu said. “You wait in the queue because they claim there are lots of calls, maybe they

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Dreamstime / TNS

A John Deere 4440 tractor and swather cuts wheat in North Dakota. The tractor model, which was manufactured between 1977 and 1982, has become highly sought after by farmers.

Tried and true

For tech-weary farmers, 40-year-old tractors now a hot commodity

By ADAM BELZ
(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

Kris Folland grows corn, wheat and soybeans and raises cattle on 2,000 acres near Halma, Minn., so his operation is far from small. But when he last bought a new tractor, he opted for an old one – a 1979 John Deere 4440.

He retrofitted it with automatic steering guided by satellite, and he and his kids can use the tractor to feed cows, plant fields and run a grain auger.

The best thing? The tractor cost $18,000, compared to upward of $150,000 for a new tractor. And Folland doesn’t need a computer to repair it.

“This is still a really good tractor,” said Folland, who owns two other tractors built before 1982.

“They cost a fraction of the price, and then the operating costs are much less because they’re so much easier to fix,” he said.

Tractors manufactured in the late 1970s and 1980s are some of the hottest items in farm auctions across the Midwest these days – and it’s not because they’re antiques.

Cost-conscious farmers are looking for bargains, and tractors from that era are well-built and totally functional, and aren’t as complicated or expensive to repair as more recent models that run on sophisticated software.

“It’s a trend that’s been building. It’s been interesting in the last couple years, which have been difficult for ag, to see the trend accelerate,” said Greg Peterson, the founder of Machinery Pete, a farm equipment data company in Rochester, Minn., with a website and TV show.

“There’s an affinity factor if you grew up around these tractors, but it goes way beyond that,” Peterson said. “These things, they’re basically bullet-proof. You can put 15,000 hours on it and if something breaks you can just replace it.”

BigIron Auctions, a Nebraska-based dealer that auctioned 3,300 pieces of farm equipment online in two days last month, sold 27 John Deere 4440 tractors through 2019.

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> Minnesota farmer, on older tractors

The model, which Deere built between 1977 and 1982 at a factory in Waterloo, Iowa, was the most popular of the company’s “Iron Horse” series of tractors, which used stronger and heavier internal components to support engines with greater horsepower. The tractors featured big, safe cabins, advancing a design first seen in the 1960s that is now standard.

A sale of one of those tractors in good condition with low hours of use – the tractors typically last for 12,000 to 15,000 hours – will start a bidding war today.

A 1980 John Deere 4440 with 2,147 hours on it sold for $43,500 at a farm estate auction in Lake City, Minn., in April. A 1979 John Deere 4640 with only 826 hours on it sold for $61,000 at an auction in Bingham Lake, Minn., in August.

“Those older tractors that had good care and good maintenance, that’s good property,” said Mark Stock, co-founder of BigIron.

The tractors have enough horsepower to do anything most farmers need, and even at a record price like the $61,000 the tractor in Bingham Lake fetched, they’re a bargain compared to what a farmer would pay for a newer tractor with similar horsepower.

The other big draw of the older tractors is their lack of complex technology. Farmers prefer to fix what they can on the spot, or take it to their mechanic and not have to spend tens of thousands of dollars.

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How writing a business plan can be less intimidating

A business plan is not only important for starting your business, it’s also an indispensable tool for helping you manage and grow your business. Your business plan is your roadmap in operating your company, and it’s essential if you intend to request funding from outside sources.

A business plan spells out specific details about your business related to business concept, marketplace, and financials. The length of your business plan can depend on the complexity and scale of your business. Even short one-page business plans have purpose and can affect success.

Too many entrepreneurs make the mistake of not preparing a business plan. That’s not terribly surprising, because writing one can seem a daunting task. It requires time, careful thought, research, and patience as you define your business’s critical success factors and goals.

Are you intimidated by the thought of writing a business plan? Know that the benefits are well worth the effort. The value of a business plan isn’t so much in the document you create, but the discovery process you embark upon to create it. As you work on your business plan, you answer key questions about your business that you may not have otherwise considered. That can help you recognize risks and opportunities – and better position you for success.

Here are some tips to make writing your business plan less intimidating:

- Don’t try to do it all at once.
- If you tackle it in smaller bits and pieces, the project will be more manageable.
- Schedule time to work on it.
- Plan time to work on your business plan. You’ll feel less stressed about it if you reserve time on your calendar to dedicate to it.
- Use technology and resources to your advantage.
- Although business plan templates and software can’t do it all for you, they can save time. Consider using SBA’s online Business Plan Tool and the full range of free business planning tools and templates that SCORE offers.
- Get feedback along the way.

As you work on the different sections of your business plan, ask a SCORE mentor or other unbiased business professional to review it and provide suggestions for improvement and clarity.

Even though writing a business plan will require effort, it doesn’t have to be a harrowing experience. Follow the tips shared here, and keep your eye on the prize. With a business plan, you’ll be better able to move your business in the right direction from the start and navigate changes more easily in the future.

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Business people

Adams named VP of finance at Honor Credit Union

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Honor Credit Union hired Dustin Adams as vice president of finance.

As part of this role, Adams will manage the finance, accounting and business intelligence teams. He currently resides in Osceola, Ind., with his wife, 3-year-old son and cat.

ADAMS

He received his bachelor’s degree from Purdue University and his MBA from Indiana University. Adams also holds CFA and CPA certifications, both which will assist him in his role with the credit union.

Items for Business People should be emailed to business@TheHP.com, faxed to 429-4398 or mailed to The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph MI 49085.

Business meetings

Round Barn to host business forum

BARODA — Michigan’s Great Southwest Sustainable Business Forum will host a Green Drinks networking event at Round Barn Brewery & Public House on Jan. 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Farmers by trade, Round Barn owners know what it means to cultivate sustainable ingredients and relationships. They are certified by the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program.

Kinexus to host public speaking workshop

BENTON HARBOR — The Kinexus Leadership Academy is holding a six-hour interactive workshop on becoming a better speaker.

Guest speaker Brian Lam will take participants through a series of exercises to conquer fears and become a stronger presenter.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Michigan Works Training Center at 499 W. Main St. in Benton Harbor.

This workshop will strengthen public speaking and presentation skills of participants through an engaging, activity-based training. The cost of the training is $500 a person and lunch will be provided.

For more information about the Kinexus Leadership Academy or to register, visit LeadSWMI.org.

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Taking on student loans may not be a 'good' investment for some

Soon, high school seniors across the country will learn which colleges have accepted them for admission in the fall.

For many, next comes a decision that could tether them to monthly debt payments for decades.

Outstanding student debt stood at $1.5 trillion in the third quarter of 2019, an increase of $20 billion over the previous quarter, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Without adequate savings or enough scholarships and grants to go around, students and their parents feel they have no other choice than to take out student loans.

But, rightfully so, this debt sentence has sparked a debate: Is college still worth it?

Pointing to the "college income premium," economists and researchers have long argued that a college degree – even with debt – is worth it.

The median graduate of a four-year college can expect to earn as much right after leaving campus as the median high school graduate at age 34, according to a 2016 report released by the College Board, a nonprofit organization that owns the SAT college entrance exam.

Workers with a bachelor's degree on average earn more than $1 million more than high school graduates make during their working lives, according to a 2014 report by the Federal Reserve.

"The return has remained high in spite of rising tuition and falling earnings because the wages of those without a college degree have also been falling, keeping the college wage premium near an all-time high while reducing the opportunity cost of going to school," the Fed report says.

But borrowing heavily for college can mean decades of debt payments. In my experience, many students and families struggle to face this fact.

So, before you borrow or allow your kid to take on debt to attend his or her dream school, I need you to read "Is College Still Worth It? The New Calculus of Falling Returns," a recent journal article published in the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review. It's this month's Color of Money Book Club selection.

Michelle Singletary

You can find the paper at research.stlouisfed.org, and it is written by William Emmons, assistant vice president and economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, and the lead economist with the Center for Household Financial Stability; Ana Kent, a policy analyst for the center; and Lowell Ricketts, the center's lead analyst.

Putting the college-income premium in perspective is important to get folks to question blanket statements that borrowing for education is a "good investment." This paper looks not just at income but a better measure of economic success: net worth.

I'm always searching for data to discourage families from borrowing too much for college – or at all. I discovered this paper after reading a recent article in The Atlantic by Annie Lowrey, who covers economic policy for the magazine.

This study "is an exercise in pulling apart averages," Lowrey writes. "Upon close examination, terrifying generational and demographic trends emerge."

The researchers used the Federal Reserve Board's Survey of Consumer Finances to determine whether the economic and financial benefits of obtaining a postsecondary degree have changed over time. Their findings are disheartening.

"Our results suggest that college and postgraduate education may be failing some recent graduates as a financial investment," the authors write.

The paper is extremely technical, but wade through the data to get to this important point: "The wealth-building advantage of higher education has declined among recent graduates of all demographic groups. Among all racial and ethnic groups born in the 1980s, only the wealth premium for white four-year college graduates remains statistically significant."

Even for the latter group, the wealth premium is significantly lower than previous generations of graduates and "statistically indistinguishable from zero" for nonwhite families, according to the research.

Why are recent graduates not faring as well financially?

For one, older generations benefited from rising home prices, which boosted their net worth. They also didn't overload on debt.

"The explosion of consumer debt beginning in the early 1980s has been remarkable," the authors write.

And of course, recent college graduates have to contend with staggering increases in the cost of college. Many have trouble saving or accumulating appreciating assets because they're stuck servicing debt.

If you're in a position to advise a student on his or her college choice, read this paper. If nothing else, these findings should make families pause and consider how the burden of student loans can impact their current and future net worth.

I am hosting an online discussion about "Is College Still Worth It?" at noon Feb. 6 at washingtonpost.com/discussions. Join me for a conversation on whether a degree is worth its ever-steepening price.

Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer's name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

Ask the Fool

Dividend Details

Q How and why do companies decide to pay dividends? — *H.T., Gainesville, Florida*

A If a company's management expects reliable cash generation in the years to come, it may decide to reward shareholders by paying a cash dividend — and it won't want to stop doing so, as that would suggest trouble. That dividend will likely be a portion, but not all, of earnings, and will typically be a fixed sum paid each quarter. Healthy and growing companies tend to increase their payouts over time, often once a year.

Aside from paying dividends, companies may also deploy earnings to pay down debt, buy another company, build more factories, hire more workers, buy more advertising and so on. Young or quickly growing companies often don't pay dividends, but instead reinvest all that money into growth.

To see a list of promising stocks we've recommended, many of which pay dividends, check out our Motley Fool Stock Adviser service (at **Fool.com/services**).

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Q What subjects should I master to become a good investor? — *P.L., Charleston, South Carolina*

A Gaining a solid understanding of financial accounting will allow you to make sense of companies' financial statements and spot red flags such as shrinking profit margins or rising debt.

Books such as "How to Read a Financial Report" by John Tracy and Tage Tracy (Wiley, $23) or "Financial Statements: A Step-by-Step Guide to Understanding and Creating Financial Reports" by Thomas Ittelson (Weiser, $20) can help. Peter Lynch's "One Up on Wall Street" (Simon & Schuster, $18) and Philip Fisher's "Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits and Other Writings" (Wiley, $25) cover investing well.

Simply reading broadly — about psychology, science, history, business and more — can also make you a savvier investor.

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Pros and Cons of Downsizing

Downsizing is a great way to shrink your cost of living, which can help you get by in retirement or free up funds for saving and investing. Think it through carefully, though, before taking any action. You might start by considering how much of your home you really use and need, how easy or hard your home is to maintain, and how high taxes are in your town and state.

There are many benefits to downsizing. For starters, if you move to a less costly home in your area — or further, to a less costly region entirely — you can end up spending much less in mortgage payments, property taxes, home insurance, utilities, maintenance, repairs and so on. All that money saved — and it could be many thousands of dollars per year — might be invested in retirement accounts, strengthening your future financial security. Or it could get you out of debt, if you've been carrying a lot of credit-card or student-loan debt.

A new location might offer other benefits, such as better health care, or easier access to ski resorts, fishing streams or golf courses. College towns attract many downsizers with sporting events, arts performances, lectures to attend and courses to take. Moving into a city might let you dispense with a car and access necessities and entertainment on foot or by public transportation.

On the other hand, you might not want to downsize if you need room for friends and family members to visit regularly — or if they need a place to live for a while. You also might not want to move far from your social circle and support network.

A final consideration is the current real estate market. If you do want to sell, waiting for a seller's market would maximize your gain. Alternatively, you might stay put and rent out some space in your home in order to generate income.

Learn much more about moving, real estate and real estate investing at our sister site, **Millionacres.com**.

My Smartest Investment

Less Fun, More Profitable

My smartest investment has been putting money into an S&P 500 index fund. It has outperformed my other mutual funds and my individual stocks. Warren Buffett is right. (But it's less fun!) — *B.T., online*

The Fool Responds: If you don't have the time, interest or skill to study stocks and carefully select which ones to buy, you can instead choose to invest in a low-fee, broad-market index fund such as one based on the S&P 500 (an index of 500 of America's biggest companies).

That may seem like you're taking the easy road and settling for slower growth, but you're not — because, just as your experience suggests, index funds tend to outperform most other mutual funds. Indeed, over the past 15 years (as of the middle of 2019), a whopping 90% of large-cap stock funds underperformed the S&P 500.

Investing in individual stocks can be more exciting: When they're rising, they will often soar faster than funds do, and it can be fun to cheer on the companies in which you've invested. But as you noted, even Warren Buffett has recommended index funds for most investors.

And remember — even if you have most of your long-term dollars in one or more index funds, you can always invest in some individual stocks, too — for fun a nd perhaps a chance at great gains. Over long periods, it's hard to beat the stock market.

The Motley Fool Take

Decades of Dividends

If you're looking for a growing, dividend-paying investment, consider shares of PepsiCo (Nasdaq: PEP) — a beverage and snack giant that can perform well in good and bad economic environments. Its offerings are available in more than 200 countries and territories, and its brands include big names such as Pepsi, Lays, Mountain Dew, Doritos, Gatorade, Tropicana, Quaker Oats, Aquafina, Cheetos, Tostitos and Fritos, along with SodaStream, Near East, Naked, Smartfood, Life and Sabra. A whopping 22 of its brands generate more than $1 billion in sales each year.

PepsiCo has evolved by launching lower-calorie and sugarless sodas; non-carbonated beverages such as water, juice and tea; and healthier versions of Frito-Lay and Quaker products. Its scale and distribution advantages mean that it can supply products around the globe more efficiently than most of its rivals, and its offerings tend to get preferential placement in shops and grocery stores.

With a forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio recently near 23, PepsiCo's stock isn't exactly cheap, but it's not outrageously overpriced, either. The stock offers a dividend that recently yielded 2.8%, too. Even better, that payout has been rising over time, at an average annual rate of 7.9% over the past five years. And that's a rather reliable dividend, as PepsiCo has paid it quarterly since 1965, upping the dividend annually for 47 years.

Name That Company

I may look like a song, but I'm a leading for-profit health insurer. I trace my roots back to the mid-1940s, when two Indiana mutual health insurance companies were founded. I took various forms after that, and in 2004, acquired WellPoint Health Networks. Today, based in Indianapolis, I'm an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association; I serve more than 40 million people through my health plans in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin, and millions more through affiliated companies. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to the 1886 creation of a combine harvester in Stockton, California. My equipment helped build the Hoover Dam and the Golden Gate Bridge. Today, based in Deerfield, Illinois, I'm a top maker of construction and mining equipment, gas engines, industrial gas turbines and diesel-electric locomotives. I have more than 100,000 full-time workers and rake in around $55 billion annually; my 168 dealers serve customers in 193 countries. I boast 1.5 million active construction machines around the world. My brands include Progress Rail, SEM, Perkins, MWM and my own name. Who am I? (Answer: Caterpillar)

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Here's what bad financial advice costs you

Good financial advice leaves you better off. Bad advice does the opposite, and may even enrich someone else at your expense.

Liz Weston

Here are some areas where you need to be particularly careful to seek out good advice, since bad advice can be so costly.

Investing

Most financial advisers aren't required to put your best interests first. They're allowed to recommend investments that cost more or perform worse than available alternatives. Why would they do that? Because the inferior investments pay them or their employers more than the better ones.

This kind of conflicted advice takes a heavy toll. White House economic advisers estimated in 2015 that conflicted advice cost Americans $17 billion a year and resulted in losses of one percentage point per year for affected investors.

One percentage point may not seem like a lot, but over time it adds up. Someone who contributes $5,000 a year to a retirement fund could have nearly $1 million at the end of a 40-year working career if the average net return is 7 percent. If higher costs reduce the return to 6 percent, the nest egg would total about $775,000.

Look for advisers who are fiduciaries, meaning they are required to put your interests ahead of theirs. You might also consider a robo-advisory service, which uses computer algorithms to design investment portfolios at low cost.

Financing college

The second-worst piece of college financing advice is "Don't worry about the cost." The worst? "College isn't worth the cost."

Education still pays off in higher lifetime earnings and lower unemployment. Someone with a high school diploma could expect to earn $1.3 million over a lifetime, according to research by the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce. Someone with a bachelor's degree can expect to earn $2.3 million. Unemployment rates are currently 2 percent for those with bachelor's degrees and above, and 3.7 percent for high school graduates. Those rates peaked in 2009, just after the last recession, at 5 percent for college graduates and 11 percent for high school grads.

Rather than skip college, skip the costly debt. Limit your borrowing to federal student loans, which typically max out at $31,000 for undergraduate education.

Claiming Social Security

More than one third of Social Security recipients start benefits at the earliest opportunity, which is age 62. Fewer than 4 percent wait until age 70, when benefits max out. But starting Social Security at 62 can cost people up to $250,000 in lost benefits, according to a study for the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Unfortunately, many people don't get good advice before they claim. Even Social Security itself may not be a good source, since its representatives have been known to steer people wrong.

Social Security claiming calculators, such as the free one at AARP's site, can help you determine the lifetime impact of starting benefits later. If you have substantial retirement savings, you also should consider consulting a fiduciary financial planner about the best ways to coordinate Social Security claiming with retirement plan withdrawals.

Managing your credit score

You may have heard that you don't need to worry about your credit scores because they're not important or because they'll be good as long as you handle money responsibly. Neither is true, and having bad scores can cost you tens of thousands of dollars over your lifetime.

People with credit scores of around 720, for example, could expect average mortgage interest rates of 3.67 percent on a 30-year, $300,000 mortgage, according to Informa Research Services Inc. The monthly payment would be about $1,374. People with 620 scores, on the other hand, average 5.03 percent or $1,616 a month. That's a difference of $86,891 over the life of the loan.

Similarly, someone with 720 scores could expect to pay $5,000 less on a six-year, $30,000 car loan than someone with 620 scores.

Higher interest rates aren't the only cost. Bad credit also can cause you to pay more for insurance, make it harder to get an apartment and cause you to miss out on the best cellphone promotions.

The best advice: Learn how credit scores work and monitor at least one of yours so you can address problems before they cost you a fortune.

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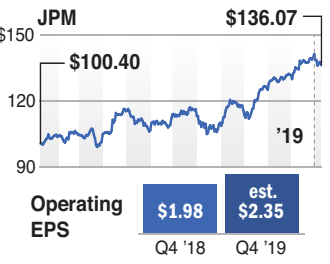
Money&Markets Extra

The Week Ahead

JPMorgan Chase

JPMorgan Chase kicks off Wall Street banks' earnings season when it reports its fourth-quarter results Tuesday. The bank's stock has risen about 20% since it reported strong third-quarter earnings in October. Analysts forecast its profit leapt to $2.35 a share in the latest quarter, from $1.98 a year ago.



Price-earnings ratio: **13**
based on past 12-month results

Dividend: **$3.60** Div. yield: **2.6%**

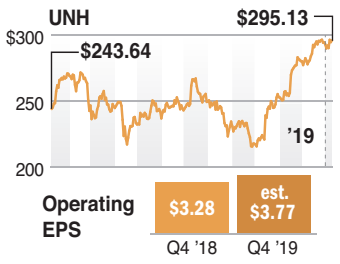
Source: FactSet

Delta Air Lines

Wall Street expects Delta Air Lines' profit grew in the fourth quarter. Analysts forecast the Atlanta-based carrier will report Tuesday it made $1.40 a share in the last quarter, up from $1.30 a share in the same period of 2018. Delta's stock only recently recovered from a profit warning in October, and remains below its 2019 high.

UnitedHealth Group

UnitedHealth Group reports its fourth-quarter results on Wednesday. The largest U.S. health insurer's shares have jumped more than 30% since October, when it raised its forecast and gave a strong outlook for 2020. UnitedHealth provides health insurance for more than 49 million people and also owns the Optum pharmacy benefits business.



Price-earnings ratio: **22**
based on past 12-month results

Dividend: **$4.32** Div. yield: **1.5%**

Source: FactSet

Amer Elec Power AEP
$94.34 **+.98 +1.0%**
▲ **4-wk.** +2.5% ▼ **YTD** -.2%

Ford Motor F
$9.25 **+.04 +.4%**
▲ **4-wk.** +.2% ▼ **YTD** -.5%

Whirlpool WHR
$149.68 **+3.76 +2.6%**
▲ **4-wk.** +.8% ▲ **YTD** +1.5%

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STOCK	TICKER	52-WK LOW	52-WK HIGH	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	1MO	1QTR	%CHG YTD	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
AT&T Inc	T	28.92	39.70	**38.57**	**0.03**	0.1	▲	▲	-1.3	32.4	17	5.4
Amer Elec Power	AEP	72.95	96.22	**94.34**	**0.98**	1.0	▲	▲	-0.2	30.0	24	3.0
Apple Inc	AAPL	145.90	310.43	**310.33**	**12.90**	4.3	▲	▲	5.7	103.1	28	1.0
AutoZone Inc	AZO	803.28	1274.41	**1132.22**	**-55.76**	-4.7	▼	▲	-5.0	41.4	20	...
BP PLC	BP	35.73	45.38	**38.74**	**-0.09**	-0.2	▲	▲	2.6	3.2	11	6.4
CMS Engy	CMS	48.79	65.31	**63.06**	**0.75**	1.2	▲	▼	0.4	29.3	38	2.3
CocaCola Co	KO	44.42	55.92	**55.53**	**0.84**	1.5	▲	▲	0.3	17.8	34	2.9
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	34.67	47.27	**44.98**	**0.18**	0.4	▲	▼	0.0	29.4	22	1.9
Deere Co	DE	132.68	180.48	**173.43**	**-2.12**	-1.2	▲	▲	0.1	14.0	17	1.8
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	**144.62**	**-1.88**	-1.3	▼	▲	0.0	32.1	19	1.2
Dollar Tree Stores	DLTR	88.26	119.71	**91.35**	**-1.68**	-1.8	▼	▼	-2.9	-8.9	12	...
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	66.31	83.49	**69.14**	**-1.19**	-1.7	▼	▲	-0.9	0.9	16	5.0
Fifth Third Bcp	FITB	24.17	31.64	**29.76**	**-0.68**	-2.2	▼	▲	-3.2	23.3	11	3.2
1st Source Corp	SRCE	41.88	53.42	**50.35**	**-1.12**	-2.2	▼	▲	-2.9	19.0	15	2.3
Ford Motor	F	8.16	10.56	**9.25**	**0.04**	0.4	▲	▲	-0.5	17.7	7	6.5
Gen Electric	GE	7.65	12.24	**11.67**	**-0.30**	-2.5	▲	▲	4.6	45.6	...	0.3
Home Depot	HD	172.00	239.31	**224.22**	**5.29**	2.4	▲	▼	2.7	27.7	23	2.4
Horizon Bcp IN	HBNC	15.21	19.48	**18.49**	**-0.21**	-1.1	▼	▲	-2.1	16.2	8	2.6
Huntgtn Bancshs	HBAN	12.15	15.63	**14.38**	**-0.43**	-2.9	▼	▲	-4.6	20.4	14	4.2
IDEX Corp	IEX	130.00	174.40	**172.07**	**-0.69**	-0.4	▲	▲	0.0	29.1	38	1.2
IBM	IBM	119.76	152.95	**136.69**	**2.35**	1.7	▲	▼	2.0	18.3	14	4.7
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	98.09	141.10	**136.07**	**-2.27**	-1.6	▼	▲	-2.4	39.5	14	2.4
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	125.00	147.84	**145.06**	**0.78**	0.5	▲	▲	-0.6	14.4	24	2.6
Lowes Cos	LOW	90.23	122.88	**121.00**	**1.40**	1.2	▲	▲	1.0	26.6	27	1.8
McDonalds Corp	MCD	173.41	221.93	**207.27**	**7.19**	3.6	▲	▼	4.9	16.6	31	2.4
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	100.98	162.22	**161.34**	**2.72**	1.7	▲	▲	2.3	57.6	32	1.3
Miller Herman	MLHR	31.27	49.88	**40.16**	**-1.44**	-3.5	▼	▼	-3.6	27.4	17	2.1
Penney JC Co Inc	JCP	0.53	1.92	**1.01**	**-0.09**	-8.2	▼	▲	-9.8	-0.8	...	...
Perrigo Co plc	PRGO	40.68	57.50	**49.71**	**-0.25**	-0.5	▼	▼	-3.8	11.8	24	1.7
Pfizer Inc	PFE	33.97	44.56	**39.49**	**0.56**	1.4	▲	▲	0.8	-6.8	16	3.8
Procter & Gamble	PG	89.08	126.60	**123.97**	**1.39**	1.1	▼	▲	-0.7	35.7	29	2.4
Republic Svcs	RSG	73.53	91.41	**90.89**	**0.68**	0.8	▲	▲	1.4	24.1	42	1.8
Steelcase Inc	SCS	14.45	23.02	**19.21**	**-1.08**	-5.3	▲	▲	-6.1	27.1	17	3.0
Stryker Corp	SYK	157.43	223.45	**209.65**	**0.06**	0.0	▲	▼	-0.1	33.9	36	1.0
TCF Financial Corp	TCF	35.96	47.71	**45.39**	**-1.03**	-2.2	▼	▲	-3.0	16.4	13	3.1
Target Corp	TGT	67.17	130.24	**124.73**	**-0.03**	0.0	▼	▲	-2.7	81.0	21	2.1
Tractor Supply	TSCO	82.03	114.25	**91.27**	**-0.69**	-0.8	▼	▼	-2.3	11.5	25	1.5
UPS class B	UPS	92.65	125.31	**115.87**	**-0.85**	-0.7	▼	▼	-1.0	23.7	20	3.3
Verizon Comm	VZ	52.28	62.22	**58.99**	**-0.79**	-1.3	▼	▼	-3.9	6.4	15	4.2
WEC Energy Group	WEC	67.80	98.19	**92.54**	**1.30**	1.4	▲	▼	0.3	36.1	29	2.7
WalMart Strs	WMT	93.11	125.38	**116.38**	**-1.51**	-1.3	▼	▼	-2.1	24.2	67	1.8
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	49.03	74.95	**54.22**	**-4.86**	-8.2	▼	▲	-8.0	-19.3	10	3.4
Wendys Co	WEN	15.66	22.84	**21.62**	**-0.77**	-3.4	▼	▲	-2.7	35.7	24	2.2
Whirlpool	WHR	114.00	163.64	**149.68**	**3.76**	2.6	▲	▼	1.5	29.8	...	3.2
Worthington Inds	WOR	33.18	44.69	**40.29**	**-0.91**	-2.2	▲	▲	-4.5	15.8	15	2.4
XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	45.73	86.47	**78.06**	**-0.18**	-0.2	▼	▲	-2.1	29.8	31	...

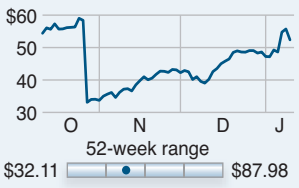
Notes on data: Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters.

StoryStocks

Stocks fell Friday after a report showed hiring was a touch weaker than expected last month. Employers added 145,000 jobs across the country in December, short of the 160,000 that economists forecast. But the growth was solid enough to bolster Wall Street's view that the job market is holding up. The bond market also rallied after the report showed workers' wages aren't rising much, lessening the threat of inflation.

Grubhub GRUB

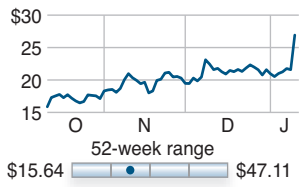
Close: **$52.38 ▼-3.35 or -6.0%**
The meal delivery company denied reports that it was considering a plan to sell the company.



Vol.: **8.9m (1.9x avg.)** PE: **1,256.1**
Mkt. Cap: **$4.8 b** Yield: **...**

Nektar Therapeutics NKTR

Close: **$26.92 ▲5.33 or 24.7%**
The pharmaceutical company is expanding a partnership with Bristol-Myers Squibb to develop cancer treatments.



Vol.: **11.7m (4.8x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$4.7 b** Yield: **...**

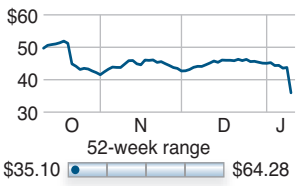
KB Home KBH

Close: **$35.86 ▼-1.20 or -3.2%**
The home builder's fourth-quarter revenue fell short of Wall Street forecasts.

Vol.: **4.8m (3.1x avg.)** PE: **12.5**
Mkt. Cap: **$3.2 b** Yield: **1.0%**

Six Flags Entertainment SIX

Close: **$35.96 ▼-7.80 or -17.8%**
The theme park operator warned investors its sales will be weak in the fourth quarter because of falling attendance.



Vol.: **16.4m (11.9x avg.)** PE: **11.4**
Mkt. Cap: **$3.0 b** Yield: **9.2%**
SOURCE: FIS

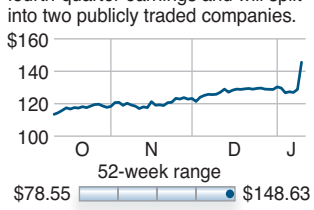
Urban Outfitters URBN

Close: **$26.39 ▼-1.30 or -4.7%**
The clothing and accessories retailer reported a dip in sales at its namesake stores during the holidays.

Vol.: **5.3m (2.1x avg.)** PE: **11.6**
Mkt. Cap: **$2.6 b** Yield: **...**

Synnex SNX

Close: **$145.56 ▲16.72 or 13.0%**
The technology services company reported surprisingly good fourth-quarter earnings and will split into two publicly traded companies.



Vol.: **2.0m (6.8x avg.)** PE: **20.9**
Mkt. Cap: **$7.4 b** Yield: **1.0%**
AP

Company Spotlight: Six Flags' sinking feeling

Theme park operator Six Flags Entertainment warned investors Friday that its years-long push to enter the lucrative Chinese market may collapse after its local partner defaulted on a payment.

Shares in the Grand Prairie, Texas-based company plunged to levels not seen since 2014, coincidentally the same year Six Flags first announced its China expansion plans.

While Six Flags continues to work with partner Riverside Investment, "the termination of all the Six Flags-branded projects in China" is a possibility, the company said in an SEC filing.

Six Flags said in its 2017 annual report that it was developing eight parks in China, and announced three more in April, 2018.

The company operates 26 parks across the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Friday's 18% drop was the largest ever for Six Flags, whose first park, Six Flags Over Texas, opened in 1961.

Six Flags Entertainment (SIX) Friday's close: **$35.96, -7.80**

52-WEEK RANGE $35 $64

Price-earnings ratio: **11** (Based on past 12-month results)

Total return	1-yr	3-yrs*	5-yrs*
SIX	-37.0%	-11.5	1.2

Div. yield: 9.2% **Dividend:** $3.32

AP *annualized Source: FactSet

MutualFunds

FUND	NAV	WK CHG	12-MO %RTN
AB			
DiversMunicipal	14.65	+.02	+5.8
GlbBdAdv	8.51	-.02	+7.6
LgCpGrAdv	64.68	+1.34	+31.7
AMG			
Yacktmanl	20.72	+.26	+17.6
Akre			
FocInstl d	46.58	+.76	+33.3
FocRetail m	45.41	+.74	+32.9
American Beacon			
SmCpValInstl	23.97	-.25	+13.1
American Century			
EqIncI	9.12	...	+21.4
EqIncInv	9.11	...	+21.1
GrInv	37.28	+.62	+31.9
UltraInv	53.83	+1.22	+31.7
American Funds			
AMCpA m	34.09	+.41	+23.1
AmrcnBalA m	28.66	+.07	+17.6
AmrcnHiIncA m	10.10	+.01	+8.7
AmrcnMutA m	43.59	+.08	+18.9
BdfAmrcA m	13.13	-.02	+8.4
CptWldGrIncA m	52.60	+.14	+21.9
CptlIncBldrA m	63.30	-.13	+15.0
CptlWldBdA m	20.26	-.06	+7.0
EuroPacGrA m	56.22	+.31	+23.6
FdmtlInvsA m	62.64	+.44	+24.3
GlbBalA m	34.44	...	+14.7
GrfAmrcA m	52.16	+.75	+24.8
HiIncMuniBdA m	16.54	+.05	+9.5
IncAmrcA m	23.27	...	+16.7
IntlGrIncA m	36.46	+.09	+23.8
IntrmBdfAmrA m	13.47	-.01	+4.9
InvCAmrcA m	39.88	+.19	+21.6
NewWldA m	71.47	+.69	+24.8
NwPrspctvA m	47.91	+.40	+26.5
SmCpWldA m	59.29	+.46	+25.1
TheNewEcoA m	46.59	+.68	+23.5
TxExBdA m	13.41	+.03	+7.7
WAMtInvsA m	48.24	-.05	+22.3
Angel Oak			
MltStratIncIns	11.05	+.01	+5.1
Artisan			
IntlInstl	33.67	+.18	+26.2
IntlValueInstl	37.09	+.15	+19.5
Baird			
AggrgateBdInstl	11.26	-.02	+10.0
CorPlusBdInstl	11.62	...	+10.5
InternmBdInstl	11.31	...	+7.5
ShrtTrmBdInstl	9.78	...	+4.8
Baron			
EmMktsInstl	15.05	+.21	+15.7
GrInstl	87.39	+.99	+36.3
BlackRock			
EqDivInstl	20.93	+.09	+23.8
EqDivInvA m	20.86	+.09	+23.5
GlbAllcInclnvA	19.47	+.09	+15.9
GlbAllcInclnvA m	19.34	+.08	+15.5
HYBdInstl	7.79	+.01	+12.1
HYBdK	7.80	+.01	+12.1
LowDurBdInstl	9.65	...	+4.8
NtnlMnInstl	11.22	+.04	+8.0
StrInccOpIns	10.00	+.02	+7.7
StratMuOpIns	11.87	+.06	+7.3
TtlRetInstl	11.99	...	+10.0
Calamos			
MktNetrlIncIns	13.35	+.03	+5.9
Causeway			
IntlValInstl	15.72	+.09	+15.1
ClearBridge			
AggresivGrA m	176.89	+2.06	+18.0
ApprecA m	26.49	+.20	+28.0
LgCpGrI	55.98	+1.05	+28.5
Cohen & Steers			
PrfrdScInc,Incl	14.40	+.06	+16.8
RlEsttSecInclns	17.51	...	+26.3
Columbia			
DivIncIns	24.48	+.02	+25.6
SlgCmsInfoA m	81.91	+1.25	+50.0
DFA			
EMktCorEql	21.92	+.09	+13.0
EMktSCInstl	20.91	-.06	+11.8
EmMktsInstl	29.43	+.16	+13.2
EmMktsValInstl	28.53	-.20	+5.3
FvYrGlbFIIns	10.74	-.01	+4.0
GlbAllc6040Ins	18.97	+.03	+15.1
GlbEqInstl	24.91	+.06	+21.1
GlbRlEsttSec	11.71	-.04	+21.2
InflProtSecIns	12.12	-.05	+8.5
IntlCorEqIns	13.76	-.03	+15.2
IntlRlEsttScIns	4.93	-.06	+17.7
IntlSmCoInstl	18.76	-.11	+17.0
IntlSmCpValIns	19.11	-.18	+13.1
IntlValInstl	17.65	-.06	+9.2
ItmGovtFIIns	12.87	-.02	+8.2
LgCpIntlInstl	23.68	+.02	+16.6
OneYearFIInstl	10.31	+.01	+2.5
RlEsttSecInstl	40.75	+.04	+23.1
ShTrmExQtyI	10.82	...	+4.6
TAUSCorEq2Instl	20.25	+.08	+24.0
TAWexUSCrEqIns	11.20	-.01	+14.6
TMdUSEq	35.10	+.32	+27.3
TMdUSMktwdVl	32.26	-.06	+20.8
TMdUSTrgtedVal	35.06	-.27	+12.8
TwYrGlbFIIns	9.91	...	+2.9
USCorEq1Instl	26.07	+.13	+25.0
USCorEqIIInstl	23.76	+.08	+23.6
USLgCo	25.06	+.24	+28.2
USLgCpValInstl	38.55	-.03	+19.7
USMicroCpInstl	21.43	-.20	+11.5
USSmCpInstl	34.74	-.23	+12.9
USSmCpValInstl	33.92	-.40	+7.6
USTrgtedValIns	22.88	-.21	+11.4
USVectorEqInstl	19.47	-.07	+18.3
Davis			
NYVentureA m	30.32	+.44	+27.1
Delaware Inv			
ValInstl	22.35	-.11	+15.6
Dodge & Cox			
Bal	102.78	+.92	+17.6
GlbStk	12.90	+.14	+19.5
Inc	14.09	+.01	+9.9
IntlStk	43.90	+.15	+17.5
Stk	196.74	+2.62	+21.5
DoubleLine			
CorFII	11.13	...	+8.2
LowDurBdI	10.03	+.01	+4.6
TtlRetBdI	10.69	...	+6.5
TtlRetBdN b	10.68	...	+6.2
Eaton Vance			
AtlntCptSMIDCI	37.70	+.07	+30.6
FltngRtInstl	8.88	+.03	+5.1
Edgewood			
GrInstl	39.62	+.93	+32.1
FPA			
Crescent d	34.10	+.19	+16.7
NewInc	9.99	...	+3.8
Federated			
InsHYBdIns	9.96	+.01	+11.5
KaufmannR m	6.14	+.12	+29.0
StratValDivIns	5.71	+.01	+16.5
TtlRetBdInstl	11.11	-.02	+9.8
Fidelity			
500IdxInsPrm	113.30	+1.11	+28.3
AsstMgr20%	13.70	+.03	+10.2
AsstMgr50%	18.78	+.09	+16.4
AsstMgr70%	22.92	+.16	+19.9
BCGrowth	111.64	+2.78	+31.4
BCGrowth	15.57	+.39	+31.2
BCGrowthK	111.89	+2.79	+31.5
Balanced	24.93	+.24	+22.3
BalancedK	24.93	+.24	+22.4
Cap&Inc	10.31	+.03	+14.8
CmdtyStrat	4.75	-.04	+3.5
Contrafund	14.09	+.29	+27.9
ContrafundK	14.10	+.29	+27.9
CptlApprec	34.54	+.54	+27.5
DivGro	31.03	+.01	+24.2
DiversIntl	40.92	+.43	+26.5
DiversIntlK	40.83	+.43	+26.6
EmergMketsOpps	21.08	+.31	+26.2
EqDividendInc	25.66	-.03	+21.7
EqIncome	60.71	+.11	+23.9
ExMktIdxInPr	65.44	+.31	+20.7
Fidelity	51.80	+.83	+32.4
FltngRtHiInc	9.52	+.03	+6.4
FourinOneIdx	49.38	+.27	+21.7
Frdm 2015	12.97	+.04	+14.6
Frdm 2020	16.34	+.07	+16.0
Frdm 2025	14.44	+.07	+17.1
Frdm 2030	17.98	+.09	+18.9
Frdm 2035	15.24	+.10	+20.9
Frdm 2040	10.69	+.07	+21.5
Frdm 2045	12.15	+.08	+21.5
Frdm 2050	12.24	+.09	+21.5
GNMA	11.56	...	+5.8
GlbexUSIdxInsPr	13.47	+.05	+17.1
GlobalexUSIdx	13.25	+.05	+17.1
GroCo	18.35	+.50	+35.4
GroCo	22.07	+.58	+34.2
GroCoK	22.11	+.59	+34.4
Growth&Inc	42.53	+.16	+25.6
HighIncome	8.99	+.01	+11.0
IntlDiscv	45.68	+.24	+23.7
IntlGr	17.71	+.16	+31.8
IntlIdxInstlPrm	43.05	+.07	+17.4
IntlVal	9.93	+.01	+15.0
IntrmMuniInc	10.69	+.02	+6.9
InvmGradeBd	11.63	-.01	+10.3
InvmGradeBd	8.22	-.01	+10.1
LargeCapValIdx	13.16	+.01	+21.9
LgCpValEnhIdx	13.66	-.01	+19.5
LowPrStk	49.94	+.18	+19.9
LowPrStkK	49.88	+.18	+20.0
Magellan	10.46	+.20	+28.9
MichiganMuniInc	12.54	+.02	+7.6
MidCapStock	35.79	+.03	+19.9
NasdCmpIdx	115.23	+1.96	+32.9
NewMktsInc	15.12	+.07	+9.5
OTCPortfolio	13.20	+.32	+36.5
OTCPortfolioK	13.42	+.32	+36.6
Overseas	52.00	+.21	+24.2
Puritan	23.08	+.22	+19.8
PuritanK	23.06	+.22	+20.0
RealEstInv	44.66	-.07	+20.2
ShTrmBd	8.70	-.01	+4.3
SmCpOpps	13.98	...	+22.5
StkSelorAllCp	48.56	+.58	+28.0
TaxFreeBond	12.00	+.03	+9.1
TotalBond	10.96	-.01	+9.9
TtlMktIdxInsPrm	91.52	+.81	+27.0
USBdIdxInsPrm	11.97	-.02	+9.2
Value	10.96	-.03	+21.4
Fidelity Advisor			
NewInsA m	32.74	+.45	+25.6
NewInsI	33.59	+.47	+25.9
StgInc	12.52	+.02	+9.7
StgIncI	12.52	+.02	+9.5
TotalBondI	10.95	...	+9.9
Fidelity Select			
Biotechnology	22.11	+.38	+20.5
HealthCare	29.07	+.63	+27.6
ITServices	77.64	+1.94	+38.3
MedTech&Devcs	61.11	+1.22	+28.5
Semicon	12.63	+.11	+57.7
Swre&ITSvcs	20.51	+.53	+37.5
Technology	20.60	+.52	+52.0
First Eagle			
GlbA m	57.95	-.05	+16.3
Franklin Templeton			
CATxFrIncA1 m	7.72	+.03	+10.1
DynaTechA m	92.08	+2.33	+35.2
FdrTFIncA1 m	12.07	+.02	+7.4
GlbBdA m	10.66	-.03	-1.2
GlbBdAdv	10.61	-.04	-1.0
GlbBdR6	10.61	-.04	-0.9
Gr,IncA m	22.62	+.05	+9.7
GrA m	114.71	+1.63	+29.6
IncA1 m	2.34	...	+12.1
IncAdv	2.32	...	+12.3
IncC m	2.38	...	+11.8
MutGlbDiscvA m	30.73	+.09	+21.4
MutGlbDiscvZ	31.42	+.10	+21.7
MutZ	27.65	+.03	+19.8
RisingDivsA m	70.03	+.41	+26.8
RSPUSEq	58.13	+.66	+29.2
Harbor			
CptlApprecInstl	78.52	+2.00	+30.7
Harding Loevner			
EmMktsAdv d	60.62	+.82	+23.5
IntlEqInstl d	24.03	+.18	+21.1
Hartford			
CptlApprecA m	37.81	+.29	+27.0
MidCpI	31.96	+.13	+25.8
INVESCO			
ComStkA m	24.96	-.06	+19.1
CptlAprcA m	57.14	+1.16	+32.6
DevMktsA m	47.34	+.49	+21.9
DevMktsY	46.60	+.49	+22.2
DiversDivA m	20.65	+.02	+20.8
EqandIncA m	10.31	+.02	+16.4
GlbA m	98.19	+1.87	+28.5
HYMuniA m	10.38	+.04	+10.7
IntlGrY	44.74	+.45	+24.5
MnStrA m	48.75	+.50	+28.8
MnsA m	16.92	+.07	+13.4
Ivy			
SciAndTechA m	74.42	+2.26	+47.6
JPMorgan			
CPBondR6	8.50	...	+9.3
CoreBondI	11.90	-.01	+9.2
CoreBondR6	11.91	-.01	+9.3
EqIncI	19.45	+.05	+23.6
HighYieldR6	7.30	+.02	+10.5
LCapGrI	42.17	+1.09	+36.2
MCapValI	39.34	-.09	+20.3
Janus Henderson			
BalancedT	37.22	+.29	+21.8
EnterpriseT	142.83	+1.56	+30.8
Jensen			
QualGrl	52.21	+.45	+28.1
John Hancock			
BdR6	16.21	...	+10.7
DiscpValI	20.72	+.07	+18.5
DiscpValMCI	22.19	-.01	+23.5
DiscpValR6	20.75	+.07	+18.6
IntlGrI	30.41	+.24	+26.3
MltMgLsBlA b	14.20	+.07	+16.3
MltmgrLsGr1 b	14.43	+.08	+18.8
Lazard			
EMEqInstl	18.55	+.08	+13.1
GlbLtdInfrsIns	15.85	+.11	+18.9
IntlStratEqIns	15.59	+.18	+18.6
Loomis Sayles			
BdInstl	13.89	+.02	+9.4
GrY	18.74	+.31	+28.6
Lord Abbett			
AffiliatedA m	15.66	-.04	+20.2
BdDebA m	8.17	+.01	+11.8
BdDebF b	8.16	+.02	+11.9
ShrtDurIncA m	4.22	...	+5.4
ShrtDurIncC m	4.24	...	+4.7
ShrtDurIncF b	4.21	...	+5.5
ShrtDurIncI	4.21	...	+5.6
MFS			
GrA m	122.46	+2.53	+35.0
GrI	130.92	+2.71	+35.3
InstlIntlEq	28.05	+.16	+25.4
MAInvsGrStkA m	33.37	+.39	+37.6
MAInvsTrustA m	33.16	+.36	+28.6
TtlRetA m	20.07	+.04	+18.2
ValA m	44.48	+.05	+26.0
ValI	44.74	+.05	+26.3
Mairs & Power			
GrInv	128.09	+1.04	+26.1
MassMutual			
SelectMdCpGrI	23.96	+.22	+27.5
Metropolitan West			
TtlRetBdI	10.98	-.02	+9.5
TtlRetBdM b	10.99	-.01	+9.3
TtlRetBdPlan	10.33	-.01	+9.6
Neuberger Berman			
GenesisR6	58.92	+.28	+24.2
Northern			
IntlEqIdx d	12.74	+.01	+17.1
StkIdx	37.49	+.37	+28.2
Nuveen			
HYMuniBdA m	18.15	+.09	+12.9
HYMuniBdI	18.15	+.09	+13.1
IntermDrMnBdI	9.55	+.02	+7.5
LtdTrmMnBdI	11.22	+.02	+5.3
Oakmark			
EqAndIncInv	29.35	...	+15.6
IntlInv	24.93	+.07	+18.1
Inv	80.80	+.75	+21.5
Old Westbury			
GlbSmMdCpStrat	15.59	+.01	+19.0
LgCpStrats	15.27	+.15	+22.2
Osterweis			
StrInc	10.87	+.01	+4.1
PGIM Investments			
HighYieldZ	5.60	...	+12.8
TtlRetBdA m	14.53	-.02	+11.2
TtlRetBdZ	14.48	-.02	+11.5
PIMCO			
AllAstInstl	11.90	-.03	+10.3
HYInstl	9.06	+.01	+11.9
IBdUSDHI	10.72	-.01	+7.2
IncA m	12.08	+.03	+7.4
IncC m	12.08	+.03	+6.6
Incl2	12.08	+.03	+7.7
IncInstl	12.08	+.03	+7.9
InvtGrdCdtBdI	11.00	...	+15.0
InvtGrdCdtBdI-2	11.00	...	+14.9
LowDrInstl	9.81	-.02	+4.5
MortgOpps&BdI	10.85	...	+5.3
RlRetInstl	11.31	-.04	+8.6
ShrtTrmIns	9.75	...	+2.7
TtlRetA m	10.40	-.02	+8.5
TtlRetIns	10.40	-.02	+8.9
PRIMECAP Odyssey			
AgrsGr	46.10	+1.21	+18.4
Gr	41.61	+.76	+19.6
Stk	34.64	+.22	+23.0
Parnassus			
CorEqInv	47.44	+.38	+28.6
Pioneer			
A m	29.86	+.25	+28.8
Principal			
LCpSP500IdxIs	19.87	+.19	+28.1
Putnam			
EqIncA m	26.50	+.05	+24.9

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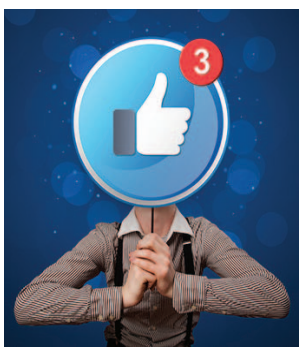
TENNIS PROTESTERS FIND 'FAULT' WITH BANK

A group of protesters in Switzerland are on trial for turning a bank into a tennis court. The protesters from the "Lausanne Action Climate" stormed a Credit Suisse office in Lausanne, Switzerland in November 2018 in tennis apparel and started whacking balls. It was an allusion to the bank's spokesman, eight-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer. The group says Credit Suisse is one of the top banks worldwide to invest in fossil fuels. Credit Suisse said it respects freedom of expression, but does not tolerate unlawful attacks on its branches.

NOT EVERYONE IS A CRITIC

Facebook and eBay are scrutinizing reviewers to determine whether their criticism is real or fake after warnings from British regulators. The Competition and Markets Authority said the two U.S. tech companies agreed to step up efforts to detect, investigate and respond to fake and misleading reviews after it ordered them last year to address the problem. Facebook removed 188 pages and groups and disabled 24 accounts that were involved in the fake review trade, some on its Instagram platform. Some of the groups offered in online posts to write fake reviews for payment or in exchange for products. Others recruited people to write reviews on shopping and review sites.



DAIRY PRESSURED BY SKIM DEMAND

Borden Dairy is the latest victim of consumers' shift away from cow milk. The company asked for bankruptcy protection as it faces collapsing demand that has prompted 2,730 U.S. dairy farms to go out of business in the last 18 months. Borden's bankruptcy filing comes two months after a similar filing from Dean Foods. The amount of liquid milk consumed per capita in the U.S. has tumbled more than 40% since 1975. American refrigerators are increasingly stocked with juice, soda and milk substitutes made from soy or almonds. Protein bars, yogurts and other breakfasts have replaced a morning bowl of cereal.

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Quotable

"It's one of the best jobs in San Francisco."

— **Tom Sweeney**, who is retiring after 43 years as doorman at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel. Known for his signature Beefeater jacket, Sweeney was a beloved fixture of the city and has shaken hands with every president from Gerald Ford to Barack Obama.

New name, new investors

Bausch Health Companies is building a good name on Wall Street, a stark contrast to how it was viewed under its previous identity: Valeant Pharmaceuticals.

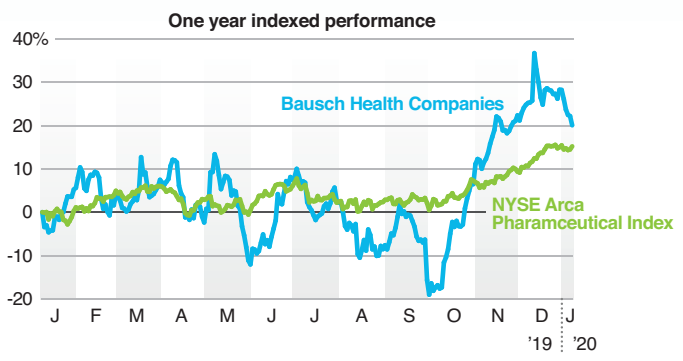
Investors who once dumped the Canadian drugmaker's shares en masse have pushed the stock price up around 25 percent over the past year. More than half of analysts covering Bausch now have a "buy" rating on the shares after only 18 percent did two years ago, according to FactSet.

Shares of then-Valeant collapsed and shed most of their value after soaring to all-time highs in the summer of 2015. A string of acquisitions buried the drugmaker in debt, and its price hikes on critical heart drugs and other medicines drew Congressional scrutiny and widespread condemnation.

Since then, new leadership has worked to pare debt and shore up core businesses like its eye care products. Those businesses had become underappreciated by investors due to the company's other problems, Stifel analyst Annabel Samimy said.

"It's a much more stable stock to own," she said, noting that Bausch just wrapped up a "nice, uncontroversial year."

Late rally
Bausch Health Companies rebounded to outperform its sector over the past year.



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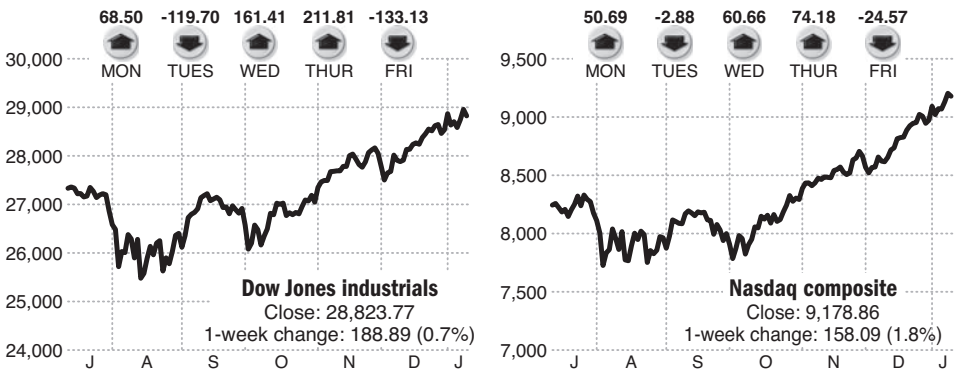


WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
29009.07	23301.59	Dow Jones industrial average	29009.07	28418.63	28823.77	+188.89	+0.7	▲	▲	+1.0	+20.1
11226.54	9143.17	Dow Jones transportation	11055.47	10745.88	10973.88	+62.48	+0.6	▲	▲	+0.7	+14.0
882.61	688.44	Dow Jones utilities	877.35	864.13	874.10	+6.66	+0.8	▲	▲	-0.6	+22.5
14021.65	11502.26	NYSE Comp.	14021.65	13852.73	13957.97	+40.92	+0.3	▲	▲	+0.3	+17.8
5900.05	4988.68	NYSE International	5887.34	5824.16	5857.63	+11.96	+0.2	▲	▲	+0.4	+14.2
9024.87	6412.98	Nasdaq 100	9024.87	8713.89	8966.64	+172.73	+2.0	▲	▲	+2.7	+35.8
9235.20	6741.40	Nasdaq Comp.	9235.20	8943.50	9178.86	+158.09	+1.8	▲	▲	+2.3	+31.7
3282.99	2524.56	S&P 500	3282.99	3214.64	3265.35	+30.50	+0.9	▲	▲	+1.1	+25.8
2073.72	1680.52	S&P MidCap	2061.89	2037.10	2051.37	-4.30	-0.2	▲	▲	-0.6	+16.3
33407.83	26048.54	Wilshire 5000	33407.83	32736.86	33237.15	+293.82	+0.9	▲	▲	+1.1	+23.8
1681.68	1380.84	Russell 2000	1671.82	1645.51	1657.64	-3.23	-0.2	▲	▲	-0.7	+14.5
421.43	341.38	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	421.43	412.63	419.14	+0.81	+0.2	▲	▲	+0.8	+20.0
7727.49	6734.00	FTSE 100	7631.96	7524.96	7587.85	-34.55	-0.5	▲	▲	+0.6	+9.7

Weekly Gainers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
CountrP	3.92	+2.94	+300.0
TrilliumTh	2.75	+1.49	+118.3
GeneticT rs	4.11	+2.16	+110.8
AppGenTc	7.84	+3.66	+87.6
OrignA h	10.24	+4.78	+87.4
Nautilus	3.22	+1.44	+80.9
ArTara rs	30.00	+11.20	+59.6
LaJollaPh	6.00	+2.11	+54.2
LiminalBi n	12.93	+4.49	+53.2
AridisPh	7.09	+2.39	+50.8

Weekly Losers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
Inpixon rs	4.05	-16.43	-80.2
Pier 1 rs	3.50	-2.73	-43.8
PortolaPh	14.76	-9.22	-38.4
Osmotica	4.90	-2.08	-29.8
TufinSoft n	13.39	-4.60	-25.6
Tenneco	10.08	-3.23	-24.3
LeafGrp	3.06	-.93	-23.3
Eyegate rs	7.51	-2.11	-21.9
ChiRap rs	2.60	-.70	-21.2
Synthes hrs	7.01	-1.82	-20.6

Weekly Actives ($1 or more)

STOCK	VOL (00s)	LAST	WK CHG
GenElec	3452313	11.67	-.30
Inpixon rs	3308276	4.05	-16.43
AMD	2848756	48.17	-.44
FordM	2310137	9.25	+.04
BkofAm	2073494	34.74	-.16
Apple Inc	1868887	310.33	+12.90
AT&T Inc	1796005	38.57	+.03
NokiaCp	1750401	4.02	+.21
AuroraC	1616105	1.65	-.35
Uber Tch n	1589474	34.01	+2.64

A crude ride

Tension between the United States and Iran sent oil markets on a rollercoaster ride over the last week.

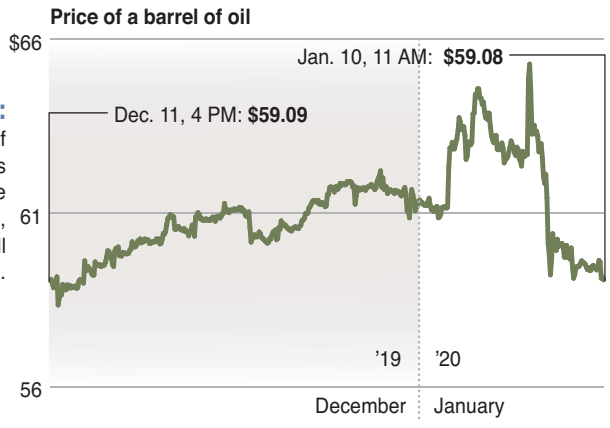
Crude oil jumped more than 3% the day President Donald Trump ordered a drone strike against Revolutionary Guard Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the country's top military leader. Oil spiked again after Iran retaliated, firing rockets at Iraqi military bases where U.S. soldiers are stationed.

Oil prices eased after it became clearer that war between Iran and the U.S. was not as likely as it initially appeared.

Iran doesn't sell much crude oil to American refineries because of U.S. sanctions. However, Iran's position near large oil producers like Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Qatar means violence in the region could significantly disrupt production.

Until this week's increase in tension, crude oil prices had been relatively stable for much of the last year, trading between $50 and $65 a barrel with one exception. Oil also remains below the price it hit in 2018, when a barrel traded at $75.

The Iran effect:
The events of recent days has caused the price of oil to spike, and then to fall again.



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InterestRates

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	1.13		
Fidelity Inv Money Market/Instit	1.76	$10 mil.	(800) 544-6666
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.76		
Vanguard Municipal MMF/Investor	1.25	$ 3,000 min	(800) 662-7447

U.S. BOND INDEXES	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	CHANGE 1MO	CHANGE 3MO	CHANGE 1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW
Broad market Lehman	2.29	-0.01	▼	▲	-1.02	3.33	2.06
Triple-A corporate Moody's	3.04	0.04	▼	▲	-0.93	4.00	2.81
Corp. Inv. Grade Lehman	2.83	0.00	▼	▼	-1.37	4.23	2.66
U.S. high yield Barclays	5.85	-0.01	▲	▼	-1.39	7.67	5.43
Global Aggregate Barclays	1.45	0.01	▼	▲	-0.60	2.06	1.17
Treasury 10-Yr. TIPS	0.07	0.06	▼	▼	-0.85	0.94	0.00

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	CHANGE 1MO	CHANGE 3MO	CHANGE 1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW
3-month T-Bill	1.53	0.02	▼	▼	-0.89	2.45	1.51
6-month T-Bill	1.54	-0.01	▼	▼	-0.92	2.53	1.53
52-week T-Bill	1.51	-0.02	▼	▼	-1.08	2.59	1.50
2-year T-Note	1.56	0.05	▼	▼	-1.00	2.61	1.37
5-year T-Note	1.63	0.05	▼	▲	-0.93	2.61	1.32
10-year T-Note	1.82	0.04	–	▲	-0.91	2.78	1.46
30-year T-Bond	2.28	0.03	▲	▲	-0.77	3.12	1.94

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar fell against the British pound, euro and Canadian dollar. The dollar also weakened against the Mexican peso, but was nearly unchanged against the Japanese yen.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CH.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
USD per British Pound	1.3063	+.0005	+.04%	1.2507	1.2746
Canadian Dollar	1.3059	-.0020	-.15%	1.3062	1.3229
USD per Euro	1.1122	+.0016	+.14%	1.1253	1.1500
Japanese Yen	109.54	+.02	+.02%	108.42	108.42
Mexican Peso	18.7885	-.0627	-.33%	19.1670	19.1432

EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.4648	-.0029	-.08%	3.5534	3.6683
Norwegian Krone	8.8860	+.0018	+.02%	8.5799	8.4823
South African Rand	14.3672	+.1323	+.92%	13.9872	13.8598
Swedish Krona	9.5020	+.0097	+.10%	9.4180	8.9043
Swiss Franc	.9725	-.0005	-.05%	.9893	.9841

ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	1.4473	-.0123	-.85%	1.4367	1.3925
Chinese Yuan	6.9197	-.0329	-.48%	6.8731	6.7884
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7657	-.0016	-.02%	7.8183	7.8386
Indian Rupee	70.942	-.250	-.35%	68.390	70.442
Singapore Dollar	1.3483	-.0034	-.25%	1.3576	1.3522
South Korean Won	1158.30	-1.85	-.16%	1176.51	1118.12
Taiwan Dollar	29.97	-.01	-.03%	31.05	30.79

Commodities

Energy prices were mixed, with crude oil and heating oil prices falling slightly and wholesale gasoline and natural gas prices rising. Gold and sliver prices rose.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	59.04	59.56	-0.87	-3.3
Ethanol (gal)	1.34	1.33	+0.75	-2.3
Heating Oil (gal)	1.93	1.95	-1.11	-4.8
Natural Gas (mm btu)	2.20	2.17	+1.66	+0.6
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.66	1.65	+0.42	-1.8

METALS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1557.50	1551.70	+0.37	+2.5
Silver (oz)	18.03	17.86	+0.97	+1.2
Platinum (oz)	981.20	967.10	+1.46	+1.0
Copper (lb)	2.82	2.81	+0.28	+0.9

AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.27	1.27	+0.55	+2.2
Coffee (lb)	1.19	1.17	+1.36	-8.3
Corn (bu)	3.86	3.83	+0.65	-0.5
Cotton (lb)	0.71	0.71	+0.88	+3.3
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	392.00	391.00	+0.23	-3.4
Orange Juice (lb)	0.99	0.99	+0.10	+2.0
Soybeans (bu)	9.35	9.34	+0.13	-0.9
Wheat (bu)	5.65	5.62	+0.40	+1.0

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Best Stocks One Month

BEST LARGE-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Apache Corp	APA	32.38	26.0	**51.7**	14.9	20	3.1
Luckin Coffee Inc	LK	43.32	18.0	**40.6**	0.0	...	...
Tesla Inc	TSLA	478.15	7.9	**33.4**	46.8	dd	...
Wstn Digital	WDC	67.94	5.2	**25.1**	85.4	25	2.9
BioNTech SE ADS	BNTX	39.68	-0.9	**22.3**	0.0	...	...
Occid Petl	OXY	45.90	5.3	**21.7**	-26.0	35	6.9
Baidu Inc	BIDU	144.51	8.0	**21.3**	-15.7	2	...
Coupa Software Inc	COUP	169.60	6.3	**20.7**	154.1	dd	...
Exact Sciences Corp	EXAS	104.44	10.0	**19.8**	32.9	dd	...
Uber Technologies	UBER	34.01	8.4	**19.4**	0.0	...	...
TAL Education Grp AD	TAL	53.90	9.9	**18.4**	88.2	79	...
Twilio Inc	TWLO	115.74	11.8	**18.1**	12.1	...	...
IAC InterActive	IAC	265.17	4.4	**18.0**	39.7	58	0.5
MercadoLibre Inc	MELI	669.48	10.1	**17.9**	92.8	dd	0.1
IQIYI Inc	IQ	23.90	3.7	**17.2**	41.5	...	...

BEST MID-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Intra-Cellular Thea	ITCI	25.90	-16.9	**101.9**	106.9	dd	...
Axsome Therapeutics	AXSM	88.78	-6.2	**89.7**	913.5	dd	...
DBV Technologies SA	DBVT	12.98	12.4	**51.8**	54.6	...	...
Dermira Inc	DERM	19.16	30.8	**50.9**	136.0	dd	...
Ballard Power Syst	BLDP	9.07	16.1	**44.2**	154.1	dd	...
Virgin Galactic Hldg	SPCE	12.83	8.6	**42.1**	13.8	...	...
Apellis Pharmaceuti	APLS	38.43	21.9	**38.8**	183.8	...	...
Qutoutiao Inc	QTT	4.08	7.1	**36.0**	-53.8	...	...
Epizyme Inc	EPZM	23.90	-2.6	**35.0**	164.8	dd	...
Plug Power Inc	PLUG	4.14	28.2	**34.0**	155.0	dd	...
GSX Techedu Inc	GSX	26.84	14.6	**31.0**	0.0	...	...
Ten x Genomics Inc	TXG	79.75	5.5	**30.8**	0.0	...	...
TG Therapeutics	TGTX	13.18	21.7	**30.5**	153.2	dd	...
Plantronics Inc	PLT	30.99	12.9	**29.1**	-13.8	10	1.9
Intelsat SA	I	7.78	6.6	**28.6**	-69.1	...	...

BEST SMALL-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Pain Therapeutics	SAVA	8.15	-15.5	**333.5**	735.0	dd	...
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	2.22	7.8	**224.6**	-67.5	...	...
Applied Genetic Tech	AGTC	7.84	87.6	**185.1**	40.5	dd	...
Savara Inc	SVRA	3.46	-15.0	**152.6**	-55.9	dd	...
Tarena Intl Inc	TEDU	2.56	3.2	**148.5**	-61.0	dd	10.9
ContraFect Corp	CFRX	1.05	64.1	**144.2**	22.8	...	...
ArTara Therapeutics	TARA	30.00	59.6	**139.6**	-77.6	dd	...
Mirum Pharmaceut	MIRM	19.24	-16.5	**134.9**	0.0	...	...
Inpixon Corp	INPX	4.05	-80.2	**130.8**	-96.4	...	...
Liminal BioSciences	LMNL	12.93	53.2	**125.4**	-96.4	...	...
Origin Agritech Ltd	SEED	10.24	87.4	**114.2**	-0.5	...	...
BioXcel Therapeut	BTAI	14.24	-14.8	**109.7**	119.1	dd	...
PhaseBio Pharmaceu	PHAS	6.79	28.1	**101.5**	52.8	dd	...
Selecta Biosciences	SELB	2.94	25.1	**90.9**	13.5	...	...
Applied Therapeutics	APLT	40.56	35.7	**89.9**	0.0	dd	...

InsiderQ&A

How to keep competition sharp

Sally Hubbard
Director of Enforcement Strategy
Open Markets Institute

Sally Hubbard is an antitrust expert who is director of enforcement strategy at the Open Markets Institute, whose central mission is to call attention to the risks of corporate monopolization. Hubbard previously served as an assistant attorney general in the antitrust bureau of New York state.

With the biggest tech companies under government investigation for alleged anti-competitive conduct, her analysis speaks to an issue of growing urgency.

Far from being ripped off, many consumers feel they're getting great deals and free services from the likes of Amazon and Google. So what's the problem for the consumer?

Antitrust doctrine has been weakened in the last 30 years. The case law that's come out has been heavily influenced by what's called the Chicago School of Economics. It took antitrust law and made it all about corporate efficiency and low prices instead of what it was supposed to be about: Competition.

But if you look at the antitrust laws, they don't talk about low prices. There's no mention of the word "prices" in the antitrust laws. You're paying with your data. It's not free. And the amount of data that you're paying, it's very hard to see. We don't even know the ways we're being tracked. The fact that Google, because it's the search engine, can direct half of the world's traffic to its own properties —that's not fair competition.

People might say, all this scrutiny of tech companies is going to squelch innovation. How do you balance innovation with protecting privacy?

The industry has been skewed towards innovation at all costs. You need to have some balance between innovation and safety. I'm not saying we should kill innovation with insane amounts of regulation, but there needs to be a better balance.

The House Judiciary Committee, the Justice Department, the Federal Trade Commission are all investigating competition in the tech industry. What outcomes would you like to see?

I want antitrust enforcement against conduct that is anti-competitive. When you enforce antitrust laws and you make a level playing field, you get more innovation. In fact, when the government broke up AT&T, they got more innovation.

Breakup can be a remedy in antitrust enforcement, though it's not a cure-all. I think it would be pretty easy to break up Facebook by just unwinding it. WhatsApp and Instagram were acquisitions. You could just break them up into the component parts as they were before they were acquired.

And legislative changes are needed to fix some of the bad antitrust case law that makes it harder for the enforcers to win cases. Against things like predatory pricing, which is an incredibly effective strategy to drive rivals out of the market. That's what Walmart did, and that's what Amazon is now doing.

Interviewed by Anne D'Innocenzio. Edited for clarity and length.

AP

Verizon ditches hidden fees, cable bundles

By CHRISTIAN HETRICK
The Philadelphia Inquirer (TNS)

Verizon Communications is getting rid of hidden fees and cable bundles that lock customers into long-term contracts, hoping to win over consumers ditching pay-TV for cheaper online streaming.

The company said Thursday that it is letting Fios customers choose internet speeds and TV packages separately, without signing annual contracts that often leave customers paying more after a year or two. Verizon will also offer customers personalized TV packages based on their favorite channels.

Verizon is rolling out the new pricing plans during a disruptive time in the TV industry, with cable companies losing hundreds of thousands of video customers every quarter to online streaming services. The company's plan addresses some common complaints with cable, such as "hidden fees" that jack up monthly bills. Although Verizon claimed its new strategy would disrupt the cable industry, the company is still a small player in the pay-TV market, and it could be taking steps to abandon the cable TV business altogether, industry analysts said.

Under the new model, called Mix & Match, Verizon will sell three tiers of internet speeds, ranging from $55 to $80 a month, including a $15 fee to rent an internet router. Customers will then choose one of several TV packages, from $50 to $90 a month, plus $12 per set-top box. The cheapest TV plan will offer consumers roughly 125 channels based on their five favorites. The company also offers a YouTube TV streaming subscription with about 70 channels for $50 a month.

Fees for broadcast television and regional sports networks will be baked into advertised rates, instead of being itemized on monthly bills. Such fees have skyrocketed in recent years and gotten the attention of consumer groups and lawmakers, who've said the "hidden fees" should be included in promotional prices.

"Customers are tired of having to buy a bundle with services they don't want to get the best rates, and then discover that those rates didn't include extra fees and surcharges," Frank Boulben, Verizon's senior vice president of consumer products and marketing, said in a statement.

Verizon's strategy is targeting a growing share of consumers who want to save money and have more control over what they pay for, creating a market for online streaming competitors such as Netflix and Amazon, said Jeff Kagan, an independent telecommunications industry analyst.

"The customer is getting disillusioned with rising cable TV prices, and they're just looking for options," Kagan said. "What Verizon is offering is a good idea. Verizon is not a heavy hitter when it comes to pay-TV, so I don't know if it will impact the pay-TV industry. If it does, then it could enable more companies to offer this a la carte pricing and let the customer choose what they want to buy."

GM to revive Hummer as electric pickup

By JAMIE L. LAREAU
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

DETROIT — General Motors is bringing back the name Hummer, but not the whole brand.

The automaker will build an all-electric pickup dubbed Hummer to be sold within the GMC brand in early 2022, according to a person familiar with GM's product plan. The story was first reported in the Wall Street Journal.

NBA superstar LeBron James will promote Hummer's return, said the person, who wasn't authorized to speak about the program. GM will also air a commercial during the Super Bowl next month.

GM declined to comment on the report.

As the Detroit Free Press reported in October, GM planned to build a new group of premium electric pickup trucks and other vehicles such as SUVs at its Detroit-Hamtramck plant beginning in late 2021.

At that time, people familiar with the program told the Free Press that GM was considering reviving the long-gone Hummer brand on some of those vehicles.

In its recent contract agreement with the UAW, GM said it would build an electric pickup and a variety of body styles. The electric truck program, dubbed BT1, is part of a proposed $3 billion investment in the Detroit-Hamtramck plant.

U.S. stocks pull back from records following jobs report

By STAN CHOE and DAMIAN J. TROISE
AP Business Writers

Mary Altaffer / AP

The New York Stock Exchange is framed by the columns Jan. 3 at Federal Hall National Memorial in New York.

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks fell from their record heights on Friday after a report showed hiring was a touch weaker than expected last month.

Employers added 145,000 jobs across the country in December, short of the 160,000 that economists forecast. But the growth was solid enough to bolster Wall Street's view that the job market is holding up and households can continue to spend, preserving the largest part of the economy. The bond market also rallied after the report showed workers' wages aren't rising much, which lessens the threat of inflation.

The S&P 500 fell 9.35 points, or 0.3 percent, to 3,265.35 from its record set Thursday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average briefly topped the 29,000 level for the first time, but it ended at 28,823.77, down 133.13, or 0.5 percent. The Nasdaq composite dropped 24.57, or 0.3 percent, to 9,178.86.

"I don't think today's report was a big needle mover for the market or for Fed policy," said Liz Ann Sonders, chief investment strategist at Charles Schwab. "The economic environment looks fine in 2020, but the risk is that sentiment may have gotten overly complacent, and we need earnings to step up."

Even with Friday's loss, the S&P 500 closed out a 0.9 percent gain for the week. It's a sharp turnaround from earlier, when the S& P 500 seemed to be heading for just its third weekly loss in the last 14 as worries rose about a possible U.S.-Iran war. But stocks rallied after comments from President Donald Trump and Iran made markets believe a military escalation isn't imminent.

That put the focus back on the economy and corporate earnings. The S&P 500 returned a stellar 31.5 percent last year even though earnings likely fell for big companies, and Sonders said investors will need to see profit growth in 2020 to help justify the records that stock prices are setting.

Earnings reports will begin in earnest next week, with JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America and other big banks on the schedule to tell investors how much profit they made in the last three months of 2019. Many will also give forecasts for 2020.

Companies across the S&P 500 have been able to squeeze plenty of profit from each $1 in revenue because wages for workers aren't rising very quickly, even when the unemployment rate is at a half-century low.

Average hourly earnings for workers were 2.9 percent higher in December than a year earlier, Friday's jobs report showed. That's the weakest growth since July 2018.

Stubbornly low wage growth isn't good for workers, but it removes a threat of higher inflation that could erode corporate profits and push the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates. Markets see low rates as fuel for markets, and the Fed's three rate cuts last year were a big reason for the surge in stocks.

After the jobs report, the yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.82 percent from 1.85 percent late Thursday. Treasury yields fall when their prices rise.

Falling rates can pressure banks by limiting the amount of profit they make on mortgages and other loans, and financial stocks in the S&P 500 alone accounted for about a third of the index's loss.

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say they'll call you back in an hour. You finally talk to somebody and they say, 'I don't have the authority to resolve your issue.' You wait while they transfer you to someone of higher rank. And then you have to repeat what you've already said."

No one is immune from assessing the trade-offs of a unit hassle cost.

U.S. consumers spend an average of 13 hours a year waiting on customer-service calls, according to one report the authors cite, published in 2013.

A 2017 "Customer Rage" study, conducted by Arizona State University, found that while companies are making it easier than ever to buy products and services, nearly eight in 10 consumers who complained about a problem in the past year still weren't happy with the way it was handled.

The report, the eighth since 1976, reported a slight increase in satisfaction but gave businesses a "failing grade," warning that they risk putting more than $300 billion of future sales at risk.

Some businesses said artificial intelligence, or AI, has the potential to better match a customer's needs with the agent that can help. Zhu isn't convinced that talking to computers is the answer.

"You have to say certain keywords to get what you want," he said. "It's very annoying."

He said he knows of cases where AI is used to detect the emotions of consumers: "They will only transfer you when you are about to explode."

Companies that put a premium on customer service typically are those trying to gain market share.

Zhu pointed to Amazon, the world's largest retailer, which has been losing money for years on one-day and same-day shipping to entice customers to become Amazon Prime subscribers.

"Amazon is trying to dominate and build up leverage in the online world," Zhu said. "Once they have this leverage, once they're focused on profit, we believe customer service will sadly go down."

People's ability to deal with the hassle factor when lobbing a complaint varies across demographics, the study said.

Younger people can more easily navigate an online complaint process. Women tend to get more annoyed than men and bail out earlier. And blacks and Latinos are less inclined to complain than college-educated whites, according to research from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission and cited in the report.

For all of the report's mathematical modeling and confirmation of what we all know already, Zhu doesn't expect companies to change their ways.

"For something to change, we first have to understand it," he said. "That's what we're trying to do here."

In other words, get used to it.

TRACTORS

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"The newer machines, any time something breaks, you've got to have a computer to fix it," Stock said.

There are some good things about the software in newer machines, Peterson said. The dealer will get a warning if something is about to break and can contact the farmer ahead of time to nip the problem in the bud. But if something does break, the farmer is powerless, stuck in the field waiting for a service truck from the dealership to come out to their farm and charge up to $150 per hour for labor.

"That goes against the pride of ownership, plus your lifetime of skills you've built up being able to fix things," Peterson said.

The cheaper repairs for an older tractor mean their life cycle can be extended. A new motor or transmission may cost $10,000 to $15,000, and then a tractor could be good for another 10 or 15 years.

Folland has two Versatile 875s manufactured in the early 1980s in Winnipeg and bought a John Deere 4440 last year with 9,000 hours on it, expecting to get another 5,000 hours out of it before he has to make a major repair.

"An expensive repair would be $15,000 to $20,000, but you're still well below the cost of buying a new tractor that's $150,000 to $250,000. It's still a fraction of the cost," Folland said. "That's why these models are so popular. They've stood the test of time, well built, easy to fix, and it's easy to get parts."

He also said the modifications to newer diesel engines on tractors can cause mechanical problems, and the carbon footprint of an older tractor can be mitigated by using biodiesel, which is produced from soybeans grown in Minnesota and extends the life of an engine because it includes better lubricants than conventional diesel fuel.

Combine all that with nostalgia for the tractors of a farmer's youth, and 30- or 40-year-old tractors are in high demand. That's a shift from 30 years ago, Peterson said.

In 1989, 30-year-old tractors really were antiques. A 1959 tractor at that point would have sold for $2,000 or $3,000 and looked like a different species from the tractors in operation in the 1980s.

But tractors from the 1970s and 1980s aren't so dramatically different from tractors produced in the 2000s, other than the irksome software, and at a time when farmers are struggling financially, older tractors can make a lot of business sense.

Folland said his corn crop was better than the Minnesota average in 2019, despite the fact that he farms on the Canadian border and uses 40-year-old equipment.

"The main reason we do this is to make money," Folland said. "Older equipment is a way to reduce your cost per bushel to become more profitable."

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NFL divisional playoffs: Time running short for Rodgers

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Source: Cubs, Bryant agree to $18.6M, 1-year deal

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Third baseman Kris Bryant avoided arbitration with the Chicago Cubs, agreeing Friday to an $18.6 million, one-year contract, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the deal had not been announced. The Cubs also avoided arbitration with their other five eligible players, agreeing to one-year deals with star shortstop Javier Báez ($10 million), All-Star catcher Willson Contreras ($4.5 million), slugger Kyle Schwarber ($7.01 million), outfielder Albert Almora Jr. ($1,575,000) and reliever Kyle Ryan ($975,000).

Bryant got a significant boost from the $12.9 million he earned last year. The 2016 NL MVP rebounded from an injury-filled season to bat .282 with 31 homers and 77 RBIs.

It is unclear whether he will remain with the team he led to the 2016 World Series championship, the Cubs' first title since 1908. Chicago's thin minor league system, the young players Bryant could bring back in a trade and the large contract the three-time All-Star would figure to command as a free agent have all thrown his future into question. He also has a pending grievance he filed in the hope of becoming a free agent one year earlier than scheduled.

Bryant debuted on April 17, 2015, leaving him one

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Paul Beaty / AP

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Coloma's Megan Koenigshof fights for the ball against Saugatuck's Emma Walker and Zoe Myers during Friday night's game.

Second-half success

Coloma boys, girls pick up wins against Saugatuck

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

COLOMA — Halftime adjustments led to success in the second half for the Coloma girls basketball team Friday night against Saugatuck.

Coloma girls 41 Saugatuck 29

Coloma boys 86 Saugatuck 53

Down 11-10 at the break, the Comets scored 31 second-half points and came away with a 41-29 win over the Indians.

"It was a great game," Coloma coach Kim Swisher said. "They played tough and physical. We handled the pressure well, which helped us get down the court and score. We were sharing the ball well tonight."

In the boys game, a barrage of Coloma 3-pointers proved to be too much for Saugatuck as the Comets went on to defeat the Indians 86-53.

Vanessa Crisenberry and Megan Koenigshof led the Coloma girls with 15 points apiece. Koenigshof did most of her damage from the foul line, making 13 of 17 shots from the charity stripe. Coloma led by as many as 16 points in the fourth quarter.

"That's a huge confidence

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Coloma's Shawn Dryer drives around Saugatuck's Thomas Beckman during the first half of Friday night's game.

Mustangs win with defense

River Valley overcomes poor shooting to defeat Michigan Lutheran, stay atop BCS White

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

ST. JOSEPH — River Valley didn't shoot well in Friday's boys basketball game against Michigan Lutheran, making just 30 percent of both their field goals and free throws.

River Valley 42 Michigan Lutheran 21

"I don't know what happened to our offense," River Valley coach Jason Heckathorn said. "I think we left it in Three Oaks."

The Mustangs survived their cold night with strong defense, winning 42-21 to stay unbeaten in the Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Conference White Division.

Lutheran (1-2 BCS White, 2-2) led 11-9 early in the second quarter, but didn't score again until late in the third. River Valley (4-0, 6-2) used a 22-0 run over that span to take control.

"I thought the defense was the catalyst to our offense today," Heckathorn said. "Once we settled in and got our composure a little better, we were able to put the press on, create a couple steals that got some better, easier looks."

Wil Korbel led River Valley with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Jacob Barbour scored all nine of the Mustangs' first-quarter points on three 3-pointers. Matthew Schmidt added eight points.

Cameron Guse had 10 points and six rebounds to lead the Titans. Lutheran was hurt by 20 turnovers.

"We're a squad that needs to value the ball," Lutheran coach Jeff Wallace said. "It's a goal for us every game. We lost our way there and it snowballed a little bit."

Wallace is in his first year coaching the Titans, and said overall he's happy with the progress his team is making.

"Regardless of what the scoreboard showed tonight, I feel like we're getting better every day," he said. "That's really the only thing any coach can ask for.

"It may look rough tonight, but that's a quality opponent down there. We respect River Valley. They're upperclassmen-laden, returning a lot, they've got good, solid players."

River Valley bounced

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LSU coach Orgeron's success fueling Cajun pride

By BRETT MARTEL
AP Sports Writer

LAROSE, La. — A cardboard likeness of Ed Orgeron, wearing a purple polo with gold LSU lettering, stands in an entertainment parlor at the home of one of his childhood friends.

The life-size cutout was displayed a couple years ago at a celebration dubbed "Coach O Day" in the predominantly Cajun south Louisiana community where Orgeron grew up, a place where everyone seems to have a nickname and shares stories in the same Cajun French-influenced accent synonymous with the raspy-voiced coach.

Don "Noochie" Adams now has the keepsake in his house, which is surrounded by towering cypress trees and sprawling live oaks just down the street from Bayou Lafourche — a slow moving waterway where the distinctive outriggers of shrimp boats rise above the banks.

This is home, where Orgeron's long, circuitous football life began.

"Bebe loves the community," said Adams, referring to Orgeron by his childhood nickname, pronounced BAY-BAY. "He never forgot about the bayou. It oozes out of him.

"He never changed. That's how you know it's Bebe."

Cajun pride is swelling in Lafourche Parish now that the former two-way lineman at South Lafourche High School, who won a 1977 state title with the Tarpons, is on the brink of capping off arguably the LSU Tigers' greatest season in the program's 126-year history with a national title.

No. 1 LSU plays third-ranked Clemson on Monday night in the College Football Playoff championship in New Orleans, about 60 miles northeast of where Orgeron grew up.

LSU has won three national championships before, but the Tigers have never gone 15-0.

Orgeron, 58, is only the

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C.B. Schmelter / Chattanooga Times Free Press via AP

LSU coach Ed Orgeron celebrates on stage after the team's win over Georgiae for the Southeastern Conference championship this season.

In brief

Local soccer players earn all-state honors

The Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association selected its all-state soccer teams for the 2019 boys fall season.

In Division 2, St. Joseph midfielder Jacob Scouler made the second team, fellow Bear midfielder Seth Walters received honorable mention. Lakeshore midfielder Mikey Tibbitts was chosen to the third team.

In Division 3, Dowagiac's Adrian Lee and Cristian Wilson made the second team, and Sam Lyke, Jose Carillo and Matt Mosier received honorable mention. South Haven had two players selected — defender Brian Calderon made the third team, and midfielder Rigoberto Perez earned honorable mention.

Hartford had three players chosen in Division 4. Defender Nick Pultz made the second team, midfielder Miggy Cardoso was on the third team, and midfielder Joel Soto earned honorable mention. New Buffalo forward Matthew Bayonne and midfielder Nick Keen also received honorable mention.

Airwaves

Television today

7:25 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Crystal Palace FC vs Arsenal FC. (Live)
9:55 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Chelsea FC vs Burnley FC. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **College Football** FCS Championship — James Madison vs North Dakota State. (Live) CC
(17) (22.2) (32) **College Basketball** Ohio State at Indiana. (Live) CC
(Bigten) **College Basketball** Rutgers at Illinois. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Alabama at Kentucky. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Cincinnati at UCF. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** DePaul at St. John's. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Georgetown at Villanova. (Live) CC
12:30 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Premier League Soccer** Tottenham Hotspur FC vs Liverpool FC. (Live)
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** Massachusetts at Dayton. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **College Basketball** Baylor at Kansas. (Live) CC
2:00 p.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **College Basketball** Creighton at Xavier. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Louisville at Notre Dame. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Oklahoma State at TCU. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** NC State at Virginia Tech. (Live)
2:15 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Wisconsin at Penn State. (Live) CC
2:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **College Basketball** Saint Joseph's at Davidson. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Syracuse at Virginia. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Houston at Tulsa. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **College Basketball** Northern Iowa at Missouri State. (Live)
4:30 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **NFL Football** Minnesota Vikings at San Francisco 49ers. (Live)
(Bigten) **College Basketball** Nebraska at Northwestern. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Clemson at North Carolina. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Georgia at Auburn. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Texas Tech at West Virginia. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Hockey** Minnesota at Michigan State. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) (NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Sony Open in Hawaii, Third Round. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **NFL Football** Tennessee Titans at Baltimore Ravens. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Mississippi State at LSU. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Oklahoma at Iowa State. (Live)
(NBCSports) **Motorcycle Racing** Monster Energy Supercross: St. Louis. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (ESPN) **Boxing** Jesse Hart vs. Joe Smith Jr. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** USC at UCLA. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Anaheim Ducks at Chicago Blackhawks. (Joined in Progress) (Live)
11:00 p.m. (Golf) **Asian Tour Golf** Hong Kong Open, Final Round. (Live) CC
4:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** South African Open, Final Round. (Live)

Sunday

8:55 a.m. (ESPN2) **Italian Serie A Soccer** ACF Fiorentina vs SPAL 1907. (Live)
(NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** AFC Bournemouth vs Watford FC. (Live)
11:25 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Aston Villa FC vs Manchester City FC. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **College Basketball** Michigan State at Purdue. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Maryland at Michigan. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Michigan at Minnesota. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **Women's College Basketball** Texas at West Virginia. (Live)
(FS1) **Women's College Basketball** St. John's at DePaul. (Live) CC
2:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** UCF at Cincinnati. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf** The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, First Round. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **NFL Football** Houston Texans at Kansas City Chiefs. (Live) CC
(Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Minnesota at Illinois. (Live) CC
4:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Memphis at South Florida. (Live)
4:30 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Motorcycle Racing** Monster Energy Supercross. From The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis. (Taped)
(NBCSports) **Women's College Basketball** Rhode Island at Davidson. (Live)
5:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Indiana at Iowa. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Buffalo Sabres at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Sony Open in Hawaii, Final Round. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **NFL Football** Seattle Seahawks at Green Bay Packers. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Purdue at Northwestern. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Arizona at Oregon State. (Live) CC

Monday

2:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf** The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, Second Round. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** New Orleans Pelicans at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (ESPN) **CFP National Championship** Clemson vs LSU. (Live)

Radio today

Noon
College football — FCS championship, James Madison vs. North Dakota State (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
4:30 p.m.
NFL playoffs — Vikings at 49ers (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
8:15 p.m.
NFL playoffs — Titans at Ravens (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Sunday

Noon
College basketball — Michigan State at Purdue (WCSY-FM, 103.7)
1 p.m.
College basketball — Michigan at Minnesota (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
3 p.m.
NFL playoffs — Texans at Chiefs (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
6:30 p.m.
NFL playoffs — Seahawks at Packers (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Monday

8 p.m.
College football — National championship, LSU vs. Clemson (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

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Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson runs with the ball as New York Jets outside linebacker Brandon Copeland chases him during a game this season.

Ravens launch playoff run against Titans

By DAVID GINSBURG
AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — Containing Lamar Jackson has been virtually impossible for opposing defenses this season, and now the task falls on the Tennessee Titans to find a way to slow down a versatile quarterback who is equally adept at running the ball and throwing downfield.

"Other than try to tie his shoelaces together, not many people have had success," Titans coach Mike Vrabel acknowledged.

The top-seeded Baltimore Ravens (14-2) bring a 12-game winning streak and the most productive offense in the NFL into Saturday's AFC playoff game against the Titans (10-7), who advanced by beating New England 20-13 last week.

Tennessee's hope of pulling off another upset rests upon keeping Jackson in check. The 2016 Heisman Trophy winner has become an unstoppable force in his second NFL season, running for 1,206 yards — most by a quarterback in NFL history — and tossing 36 touchdown passes.

Jackson is the main component on a team that ranked No. 1 with 531 points and set an NFL record with 3,296 yards rushing. Asked if he had ever seen a club run the ball so effectively, Vrabel replied: "Not in this league. It's ridiculous. I just did the math; it took me a while."

The Titans have solid running game, too. Derrick Henry, the NFL's leading rusher, is a 6-foot-3, 247-pound bruiser who throttled the Patriots for 182 yards on the ground.

"He's like one of those guys that the kids create on Madden. You shouldn't be that big and be able to run like he runs," Ravens defensive coordinator Don Martindale said. "Obviously, we're going to have to bring our lunch pail, work hat and just go play football with him."

Baltimore's defense has no intention of backing down.

"Guys didn't seem like they were too interested in tackling him," Ravens safety Earl Thomas said of the Patriots. "Our mindset is a little different. We're going to tackle him and try to swarm."

Tennessee's offense has flourished since Ryan Tannehill took over for struggling Marcus Mariota in Week 7. He has thrown at least one touchdown pass in 11 straight starts, and over the final 10 games of the regular season accounted for 26 total touchdowns — 22 through the air and four on the ground. Only Jackson, with 30, had more over that span.

Watson vs. Mahomes headlines Texans-Chiefs tilt

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

Charlie Riedel / AP

Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes celebrates with fans after a game against the Los Angeles Chargers this season.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs knew they were in the market for a quarterback a couple of years ago and, with several first-round talents available, they invited Clemson's Deshaun Watson and Texas Tech's Patrick Mahomes for visits.

Both were put through their paces.

They scribbled plays on white boards to test their recall and dissected game film to test their mental aptitude and situational awareness. They went onto the practice field and ran a series of drills to test their athleticism, then were asked to throw every pass in the book, from deft screen passes to intricate timing routes to deep, downfield heaves.

The Chiefs liked everything Watson did over those couple of days.

They loved what Mahomes did.

So the Chiefs traded up to select Mahomes with the 10th overall pick. The Houston Texans jumped on Watson two picks later. And the start of their professional careers have continued to run side by side, with Mahomes leading the Chiefs to back-to-back AFC West titles and the brink of a Super Bowl appearance last season, and Watson guiding the Texans to consecutive playoff appearances for the third time in franchise history.

Now, their parallel paths will intersect when the Texans visit the Chiefs in the divisional round of the playoffs on Sunday.

"How great is that for the National Football League, first of all, these good young quarterbacks?" Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "We actually brought Deshaun up here, too, before the draft and had a nice visit with him. We have a ton of respect for him. He's a great player, he was great in college, he is great now. He's going to do nothing but get better as time goes on."

Watson was especially impressive last week, leading the Texans (11-6) back from a 16-0 second-half deficit to beat the Bills 22-19 in overtime.

He threw for a touchdown and ran for another in a performance reminiscent of his Week 6 game against the Chiefs, when Watson threw for a score and ran for two more in a 31-24 victory at Arrowhead Stadium.

"When you have guys like Deshaun and Patrick, you don't want to overcoach them," said Texans coach Bill O'Brien, who also had both quarterbacks in Houston for predraft visits in 2017. "They have such great instincts. They see the field very well. With Deshaun, you might be able to point out a few things, but his guy has a huge heart and he's doing what is best for the team and trying to win games, and you don't want to over-coach that."

That win was especially sweet for Watson, who has a bit of a chip on his shoulder about Kansas City choosing Mahomes over him. And the win should give the underdog Texans a boost of confidence knowing they have beaten the Chiefs (11-5) and their star QB once this season.

"It's cool to see a fellow friend of mine and a guy that's playing the same position as me have so much success and see it in live action. So it's definitely dope," Watson said. "It's going to be a good experience. Like you said, we played earlier this year. It was a good game, went back and forth. But yeah, it's just two good teams going head to head and we're just trying to be the best we can for our team and help our team win."

Trying to figure out what has changed since that October matchup — and how to counter it — could be one of the biggest story lines Sunday.

WATT'S UP

The Texans' J.J. Watt was in for about 50 plays and had a sack against the Bills in his first game since missing eight with a torn pectoral muscle that required surgery. The three-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year wouldn't say whether he expected to play more Sunday.

"Just because I played one game doesn't mean my pec magically healed. It's still in basically the same situation it was in before this game," he said.

Rodgers knows time is running short for 2nd title

By KEITH JENKINS
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Rodgers won his first Super Bowl nearly a decade ago. The time to capture a second is running out.

"It's on my mind every day," Rodgers said. "That's why we play the game. That's why you put in the time in the offseason. That's why you do the little things. It's to put yourself in this position where we're two games away from being able to compete for that.

"I'm 36, I know what this is all about. This is an important opportunity for us. I feel like I got a lot of really good years left, but you never know. A lot of things happen year to year. We've had some great teams that have been an injury away or a play away from being special, so I want to make the most of this opportunity."

Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers will host the Seattle Seahawks in Sunday's NFC divisional playoff game. It will be the first postseason appearance for Rodgers in three years.

"I'm at the age now, I believe, that Brett (Favre) was when I was drafted, and obviously closer to the finish than the beginning," he said. "The most important thing is winning, and I know how difficult a couple of those years were when we weren't winning."

Rodgers led an injury-laden Packers team to the NFC championship game in Green Bay's previous postseason appearance following the 2016 season before getting blown out 44-21 by the Falcons. But this Packers squad — including Rodgers — is as healthy as Green Bay has been in recent years.

"I feel great," Rodgers said. "I started all 16 (games) and wasn't in the training room a whole lot. I had some issues early in the season with my knee. But, man, I felt great from about Week 8 on. ... It feels good to be where I'm at right now."

LACK OF EXPERIENCE

The biggest issue for the Packers is playoff experience, or a lack thereof. There are only four players left from the 2010 Super Bowl team and seven from the 2014 team that lost to the Seahawks in the NFC championship game in Seattle. Matt LaFleur is also preparing for his first playoff test as a head coach.

"I think it just goes back to doing what you always do," the 40-year-old LaFleur said. "It's just like every other week. I think for guys that maybe haven't experienced the playoffs, there's definitely a heightened intensity around it. But as far as your process, as far as how you go about your daily business, I think it's got to be the same as it is any other week."

CAN YOU DIGGS IT?

No one has more experience on Seattle's roster playing against Rodgers than safety Quandre Diggs. Until the middle of this season, Diggs faced Rodgers twice a year as part of the Detroit secondary. Even though it's a changed offense from what he played against in the past, Diggs is still being leaned on by teammates for little tips on how to try and slow down Rodgers.

"He is a really smart guy and any knowledge that he has is always good to gain," Seahawks linebacker Bobby Wagner said.

The addition of Diggs has been a huge boost for Seattle's defense.

Shanahan, Cousins on opposite sides for playoff game

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Kirk Cousins starting the 49ers' first playoff game at Levi's Stadium was how coach Kyle Shanahan planned it when he took over in San Francisco back in 2017.

The surprise is that Cousins is starting for the Minnesota Vikings instead of the Niners when the teams meet in the divisional round Saturday.

Things have worked out just fine for both Cousins and Shanahan even though the quarterback and play-caller never reunited after building a strong relationship during their time together in Washington in 2012-13.

The 49ers (13-3) acquired Jimmy Garoppolo in a trade from New England during the 2017 season months before Cousins hit the free-agent market and have built a strong team around a different quarterback.

Cousins ended up with the Vikings (11-6) on a fully guaranteed $84 million, three-year contract. He is coming off the biggest win of his career, having thrown the game-winning TD pass in overtime to Kyle Rudolph last week in a 26-20 victory at New Orleans.

That success comes as no surprise to Shanahan, who was part of the staff in Washington that drafted Cousins in the fourth round and helped develop him into an NFL starter.

"I think he's always just steadily climbed," Shanahan said. "Every time he's gotten more opportunities, he's only gotten better. I know when he's had bad games, he's always learned from them, come back and respond. I think he's been given the right opportunity. Whenever he's been given the right opportunity, I think he's shown people he's one of the better quarterbacks in this league."

Cousins feels the same way about Shanahan as a play-caller and coach and is not surprised at the success he's had in rebuilding a losing franchise in San Francisco.

"I've been fortunate to be around some great coaches. And Kyle's certainly one of them," Cousins said. "He's shown that through the years since we have gone our separate ways."

But none of that will matter once the game starts on Saturday. Shanahan says neither side has any advantage because of knowledge on how the other one operates.

"I'm not sitting there going against Kirk," he said. "So I think that stuff is totally overrated."

FIRST TIMERS

Only a dozen players currently on the 49ers' roster have postseason experience and even that number is a bit inflated because it includes Garoppolo, who got only two snaps of mop-up duty in one game, and players like receiver Jordan Matthews who are likely to be inactive.

Receiver Emmanuel Sanders, who has played in two Super Bowls, said the key to dealing with that lack of playoff experience is to make sure you don't try to do too much.

"When a lot of people get in the playoffs, they think they've got to do more," he said. "At the end of the day, you're in the playoffs, you've already been winning games. Just remain who you are."

HEY, IN THE BACK!

One of the many commonalities of these offenses is the favoring of a fullback, with the 49ers making plenty of use of Kyle Juszczyk and the Vikings doing the same with C.J. Ham. Ham was on the field for 28% of the snaps by the offense last week against the Saints, helping Dalvin Cook find the holes on the way to a 94-yard, two-touchdown performance.

"I love having a fullback in front of me," Cook said. "That's just the style of football that I like to play, and I think it can be kind of underestimated because I'm a smaller back, I guess."

Lehner won't give 'Hawks a discount, is eyeing free-agent market

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

CHICAGO — If the Blackhawks expect goaltender Robin Lehner to give them a discount in a contract extension because he likes playing in Chicago, they better guess again.

After an optional practice Friday at Fifth Third Arena, Lehner reiterated how much he enjoys being a Hawk and would like to be part of their future.

But he also made it clear he won't sell himself short like he feels he did last summer, when he signed a one-year, $5 million deal with the Hawks after being a Vezina Trophy finalist with the Islanders.

"I've taken discounts my whole life," Lehner said. "I'm not a guy that wants to be overpaid either. I want to gain some respect that I think I deserve, and we'll see if that happens or not."

While Lehner said he is open to signing an extension with the Hawks before free agency begins in July, he seems to have done his research on the impending market for goalies.

Lehner, 28, is the only current starting goalie under 30 scheduled to be an unrestricted free agent. The top available UFAs next summer include Braden Holtby (30), Jacob Markstrom (30), Thomas Greiss (34), Anton Khudobin (34) and Jaroslav Halak (35).

"The market is wide open," Lehner said. "There's a lot of teams that need goalies. It's not that many goalies that are available this (summer). So we'll see what happens. All I know is I really like it here. I've learned enough.

"(But) this is a business, and no matter how good things are going, how well you like it, sometimes it's not up to you and it's not in your control. But I know where I stand and I really like this team and I still really believe in this team and the pieces this team has. Would like to be a part of the turnaround."

Lehner is 12-7-4 with a .922 save percentage in 25 games and had taken over as the No. 1 goalie after alternating starts with Corey Crawford for much of the season.

He missed two games this week after injuring his right knee and was available but did not start in Thursday's loss to the Predators.

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Coloma's Ethan Vandermolen defends against Saugatuck's Connor Seifert during the first half of Friday night's game.

COMETS

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builder for (Koenigshof)," Swisher said. "She plays almost the whole game for us every game. I think that was a game-changer for us."

Coloma has a two-game win streak to start the new year. The Comets will gear up to face an undefeated Gobles team next week.

"New year, new us," Swisher said. "This was a great confidence builder for us and a great preparation game because Gobles is physical."

Coloma's boys team knocked down 13 3-pointers on the night, spearheaded by guards Drew Goodline and Jake Ickes. Goodline led the team with 20 points, including three triples, and Ickes scored 19 points with five 3s. Brenden Jacobs had nine points on three 3-pointers and Michael Dancer also scored nine points.

"I stay on those guys a lot about being aggressive and playing off each other," Coloma coach Curtis McFall said. "Tonight they were able to get open and make a few plays for each other."

Leading 19-13 midway through the second quarter, an Isaiah Reinhardt 3-pointer keyed a 20-9 Comets run that put the game away. Coloma hit eight of their 13 3s in the second half and led by as many as 36 points.

"We were able to play our pace-and-space style tonight," McFall said. "We were able to get open and knock some shots down."

Samuel Larsen led Saugatuck with 20 points, including 11 of 15 from the free throw line.

The Comets hope the sharp shooting continues when they travel to face a 5-0 Brandywine squad at 7 p.m. tonight.

"It's kind of hard to evaluate where we're at tonight," McFall said. "I was hoping we'd hit the ground running and we've won two in a row. We have a tough game (tonight) so I'll be able to gauge us better."

COLOMA 41, SAUGATUCK 29

COLOMA (41)
Vanessa Crisenberry 6 1-5 15, Megan Koenigshof 1 13-17 15, Mia Cole 2 1-3 6, Marissa Sherburn 1 0-0 3, Megan Neubecker 1 0-0 2. Totals: 11 15-25 41.
SAUGATUCK (29)
Karrisa Moerler 4 3-7 11, Zoe Myers 1 2-2 4, Katie Ayers 2 0-0 4, McKenzie Pearson 1 1-2 3, Lauren Barnhill 1 0-0 2, Emma Walker 1 0-2 2, Gracelynn Miller 1 0-2, Emma DeBoer 0 1-2 1. Totals: 11 7-17 29.

Coloma	3	7	14	17	–	41
Saugatuck	6	5	7	11	–	29

3-point goals – Coloma 4 (Crisenberry 2, Cole, Sherburn). Fouls – Saugatuck 25, Coloma 15. Rebounds – Coloma 31 (Neubecker 12). Steals – Coloma 13 (Neubecker 7). Fouled out – Saugatuck 3 (Moerler, Walker, Myers). Technical fouls – None.
Records – Coloma 1-2 SAC Lakeshore, 2-6; Saugatuck 0-3, 3-5.

COLOMA 86, SAUGATUCK 53

COLOMA (86)
Drew Goodline 8 1-2 20, Jake Ickes 6 2-2 19, Michael Dancer 3 3-4 9, Brenden Jacobs 3 0-0 9, Amir Hall 3 0-0 7, Shawn Dryer 3 0-2 6, Isaiah Reinhardt 2 0-0 5, Karon Smith 1 1-2 3, Kenyon Boyd 1 0-0 2, Stacey Branscumb 0 2-3 2, Ethan Vandermolen 1 0-0 2, Timmy Schroeder 1 0-0 2. Totals: 32 9-15 86.
SAUGATUCK (53)
Samuel Larsen 4 11-15 20, Ryan Shanahan 1 6-6 8, Connor Seifert 2 2-2 6, Drake Mathieu 2 0-0 5, Thomas Beckman 2 1-2 5, Alec Hoezee 2 0-0 4, Knole Ihle 0 1-2 1. Totals: 14 23-29 53.

Coloma	16	23	20	27	–	86
Saugatuck	8	14	14	17	–	53

3-point goals – Coloma 13 (Ickes 5, Goodline 3, Jacobs 3, Reinhardt, Hall), Saugatuck 2 (Larsen, Mathieu). Total fouls – Coloma 23, Saugatuck 13. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – Coloma 2-1 SAC Lakeshore, 4-2; Saugatuck 0-3, 1-5.

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back from a pair of non-conference losses to Bridgman and Holland Calvary.

"We want to win every night, but our goals early on were to compete and hopefully win the conference," Heckathorn said. "Tonight was an important step towards achieving that goal."

RIVER VALLEY 42, MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 21

RIVER VALLEY (42)
Jacob Barbour 3 0-0 9, Matthew Schmidt 3 1-2 8, Lennon Lange 3 0-0 6, Wil Korbel 4 1-6 10, Davyd Bronson 2 0-0 4, Josh Seifert 1 0-0 2, Tylar Montgomery 1 0-0 2, Kenny Gibson 0 1-2 1. Totals: 17 3-10 42.
LUTHERAN (21)
Andy Semenak 1 0-0 3, Adam Rosenbaum 1 0-0 2, Cameron Guse 5 0-0 10, Jordan Ramirez 1 1-1 4, Abdul Erby 1 0-2 2. Totals: 9 1-3 21.

R. Valley	9	12	12	9	—	42
Lutheran	7	4	4	6	—	21

3-point goals — River Valley 5 (Barbour 3, Schmidt, Korbel), Lutheran 2 (Semenak, Ramirez). Total fouls — River Valley 6, Lutheran 13. Fouled out — Ramirez (ML). Rebounds — River Valley 35 (Korbel 10), Lutheran 26 (Guse 6).
Records — River Valley 4-0 BCS White, 6-2; Lutheran 1-2, 2-2.

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Larkin's shootout goal boosts Red Wings

DETROIT (AP) — Dylan Larkin scored the only goal in the shootout to give the Detroit Red Wings a 3-2 win over the skidding Ottawa Senators on Friday night.

Detroit 3 Ottawa 2

Tyler Bertuzzi had a goal and an assist, and Larkin also scored in regulation for Detroit. Red Wings defenseman Filip Hronek had two assists. Jonathan Bernier made 29 saves and thwarted Tyler Ennis, Anthony Duclair and Artem Anisimov in the tiebreaker.

It was the Red Wings' third win in five games, the first time they've done that since Nov. 8-16.

Colin White had a goal and an assist and Brady Tkachuk also scored for Ottawa, which lost its season-high sixth straight. Marcus Hogberg stopped 26 shots.

White's power-play goal with 9:18 left in the second period tied it at 2. He tipped in defenseman Mike Reilly's shot from the point for his fourth goal.

Larkin's power-play goal 5:32 into the middle period gave Detroit a 2-0 lead. He skated through three Ottawa players in the neutral zone and the Senators end and stuffed the puck past Hogberg as Larkin cut across the top of the crease from right to left. It was his 11th goal.

Detroit center Dylan Larkin scores against Ottawa goaltender Marcus Hogberg in the second period of Friday's game.
Paul Sancya / AP

Tkackuk put Ottawa on the board just 22 seconds later when his attempted pass from the side of the net went in off the skate of Red Wings defenseman Patrik Nemeth. It was Tkachuk's 14th goal.

Bertuzzi gave the Red Wings a 1-0 lead with 5:05 left in the first period when he tipped in Hronek's shot-pass. It was Bertuzzi's 16th goal.

NOTES: Ottawa hired Jim Little as CEO on Friday. Owner Eugene Melnyk had been the team's CEO. Little will be responsible for business strategy, focusing on marketing and community relations. … Senators D Ron Hainsey returned after sustaining a lower-body injury on Dec. 19. … Larkin stretched his point streak to five games (two goals, three assists).

LaVine, Bulls can't top Pacers

CHICAGO (AP) — Myles Turner set season highs with 27 points and 14 rebounds, and the short-handed Indiana Pacers withstood a huge effort by Zach LaVine to beat the Chicago Bulls 116-105 on Friday night.

Indiana 116 Chicago 105

The Pacers overcame 43 points by LaVine and escaped with the victory after Chicago rallied from 16 down to cut the deficit to four in the closing minutes.

T.J. Warren scored 17 for Indiana after being fined $25,000 by the NBA for an altercation with Miami's Jimmy Butler on Wednesday night.

The Pacers picked up their second win in three games even though they were missing two of their top players, with Malcolm Brogdon out with strep throat and Domantas Sabonis nursing a sore left knee.

LaVine finished six points shy of his career high set at Charlotte in November. Coby White scored 23, but the Bulls lost their sixth straight — their worst skid since a 10-game slide in December and January last season.

The Pacers led by seven early in the fourth quarter when the Holiday brothers scored eight straight. Justin Holiday wrapped two 3-pointers around a basket by brother Aaron to make it 94-79 with 7:29 left.

It was 99-83 midway through the fourth before Chicago came storming back, cutting it to 103-99 on a 3 by Lauri Markkanen with just over three minutes remaining. Justin Holiday answered with a 3 of his own, and the Pacers hung on from there.

TIP-INS

Pacers: Sabonis was inactive after coach Nate McMillan said he would play. ... Brogdon missed his fifth straight game, this time because of strep throat after sitting out the previous four with a sore lower back. McMillan said Brogdon's back is fine, though he woke up ill Friday.

Bulls: Rookie Daniel Gafford had two points and two rebounds in his first career start. The second-round pick from Arkansas is filling in at center with Wendell Carter Jr. expected to miss four to six weeks after spraining his right ankle in the loss at Dallas on Monday.

UP NEXT

Pacers: host Philadelphia on Monday.

Bulls: visit Detroit on Saturday.

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL

WED. 6:30 PM MIXED – Ray McGee 740 (278), Matt Hendrixson 700, Jarrod Hasse 696, Mark Pullins 690, Michael Hendrixson 673, Gina Gitchell 556 (202), Amber Fleisher 547, Robin Thompson 501.

MILLER LADIES – Vanessa Brigham 555 (203), Denise Clark 508, Harriet Hackbart 504, Sandy Villwock 500. Team score: Smith/Hackbart 969, Gardner Brigham (366).

LAKESHORE LANES

STARLIGHTERS LEAGUE — Men: Jeremy Gitchell 642 (242), Kevin Huebner 597 (203), Nathan Antio 591 (221). Women: Sherryl Dickenson 539 (203), Melanee Mangold 539, Gina Gitchell 539 (211). Team: It's Legal 1169 (407).

AREA SCHEDULE

Today

Boys basketball

Coloma at Brandywine, 7

Wrestling

St. Joseph, Dowagiac, Coloma at Mendon Inv., 9
Lakeshore at Parma Western Inv., 9
Benton Harbor, Eau Claire, River Valley at Buchanan Super Duals, 9
South Haven at Ravenna Inv.
Watervliet at Homer Inv., 9
Berrien Springs at GR West Catholic Inv., 9
Brandywine at Three Rivers Inv., 9
Hartford at Parchment Super Duals, 9

Competitive cheer

St. Joseph, South Haven at Gull Lake Blue Devil Inv., 11
Berrien Springs at Berry Inv., 2
Lake Michigan Catholic at West Ottawa Inv., 12:30

College basketball

LMC men at Mid Michigan College, 3
LMC women at Mid Michigan College, 1

Sunday

Bowling

Coloma, South Haven at Battle of the Baker (M-66 Bowl), 9:15

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Friday's boys scores

Alanson 68, Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian Academy 14
Albion 78, Jackson Prep 39
Allendale 62, Spring Lake 52
Alma 60, Birch Run 50
Almont 42, Armada 38
Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner 57, Jackson Area Home Educators 26
Atlanta 43, Fairview 28
Bad Axe 38, Cass City 37
Battle Creek Pennfield 52, Marshall 42
Bay City All Saints 53, Kinde-North Huron 47
Bay City John Glenn 47, Bay City Central 29
Bay City Western 81, Midland Dow 39
Beal City 56, Houghton Lake 43
Bedford 69, Pinckney 59
Belleville 76, Livonia Churchill 40
Big Rapids 52, Newaygo 41
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 63, Marine City Cardinal Mooney 50
Bloomingdale 71, Eau Claire 53
Bridgeport 58, Freeland 18
Byron 47, Durand 44
Capac 56, Marlette 43
Carrollton 64, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 52
Carsonville-Port Sanilac 69, Owendale-Gagetown 30
Caseville 61, Akron-Fairgrove 32
Cassopolis 77, White Pigeon 62
Centreville 68, Marcellus 67, OT
Charlevoix 80, Kalkaska 58
Chelsea 69, Brooklyn Columbia Central 31
Chesaning 59, Otisville Lakeville 40
Clarkston 63, Oak Park 54
Clio 58, Corunna 45
Coloma 86, Saugatuck 53
Comstock Park 74, Sparta 69
Concord 57, Union City 34
Croswell-Lexington 45, Yale 32
Crystal Falls Forest Park 60, Eben Junction Superior Central 40
Davison 56, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 42
Dearborn Edsel Ford 67, Taylor 66
Dearborn Heights Annapolis 54, Redford Union 51
Dearborn Heights Crestwood 75, Garden City 19
Delton Kellogg 41, Constantine 35
Detroit Cristo Rey 75, Allen Park Cabrini 60
Detroit Loyola 62, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 47
Detroit Mumford 56, Detroit Ford 50
Dexter 50, Ann Arbor Pioneer 45
East Grand Rapids 46, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 45
East Jordan 69, Harbor Springs 67
East Lansing 61, Holt 58
Eaton Rapids 56, Charlotte 42
Elk Rapids 70, Grayling 54
Evart 49, McBain Northern Michigan Christian 37
Farmington 53, Troy 45
Fennville 42, Gobles 38
Ferndale 77, Bloomfield Hills 51
Flat Rock 67, Grosse Ile 52
Flint Beecher 71, Burton Bendle 55
Flint Hamady 78, Burton Atherton 62
Flint International 69, Cedarville 41
Fowlerville 101, Haslett 93
Fremont 78, Stanton Central Montcalm 64
Fruitport 69, Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills 61
Gabriel Richard Catholic 45, Ann Arbor Greenhills 21
Goodrich 79, Ortonville Brandon 36
Grand Blanc 69, Flint Powers 45
Grand Rapids Catholic Central 67, Grand Rapids West Catholic 30
Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 73, Wyoming Potter's House Christian 61
Grand Rapids South Christian 41, Wyoming 30
Grand Rapids Wellspring 49, Holland Black River 44
Grosse Pointe South 78, Utica Ford 72
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 39, Clarkston Everest Collegiate 36
Harbor Beach 77, Brown City 56
Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy 56, Detroit Cornerstone 41
Hemlock 58, Saginaw Nouvel 35
Hillsdale Will Carleton Academy 63, Coldwater Pansophia Academy 28
Holland 56, Hamilton 55
Holland West Ottawa 58, Grand Haven 45
Holton 56, White Cloud 30
Hopkins 66, Wyoming Godwin Heights 59
Howell 59, Plymouth 54
Hudsonville 54, Caledonia 44
Ida 61, Clinton 41
Ionia 61, Lansing Sexton 44
Iron Mountain 53, Westwood 35
Ishpeming 49, Manistique 38
Jackson Lumen Christi 59, Jackson Northwest 56
Kalamazoo Central 59, Battle Creek Lakeview 48
Kalamazoo Hackett 59, Galesburg-Augusta 26
Kalamazoo Homeschool 58, Calhoun Christian 35
Kingston 52, Dryden 51
Lake City 50, Roscommon 25
Lake Fenton 66, Owosso 47
Lakeview 45, Hesperia 23
Lansing Catholic 85, Portland 27
Lansing Everett 57, DeWitt 50
Leslie 60, Lansing Christian 38
Lincoln Park 38, Trenton 34
Linden 61, Swartz Creek 47
Livonia Stevenson 66, Dearborn Fordson 62
Ludington 57, Manistee 26
Marquette 75, Kingsford 51
Mason 53, St. Johns 45
McBain 48, Leroy Pine River 44
Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 59, Wayland Union 44
Millington 42, St. Louis 37
Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 48, Milan 47
Montague 61, Whitehall 55
Mount Pleasant 60, Saginaw Heritage 47
Muskegon 51, Grand Rapids Union 44
Muskegon Orchard View 63, Muskegon Catholic Central 57
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 75, Jenison 58
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 52, Muskegon Heights 27
New Boston Huron 53, Riverview 45
New Lothrop 67, Mount Morris 54
North Farmington 55, West Bloomfield 41
Northville 48, Novi 38
Novi Christian 70, Plymouth Christian 51
Oakridge High School 67, Mason County Central 62
Okemos 70, Lansing Waverly 54
Parma Western 58, Coldwater 49
Perry 72, Vermontville Maple Valley 47
Pontiac 48, Rochester 42
Portage Central 66, Niles 39
Ravenna 50, North Muskegon 42
Reading 46, Jonesville 38
Redford Thurston 71, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 49
Reed City 75, Howard City Tri-County 61
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 38, Lutheran Westland 31
Rockford 68, Grandville 44
Saginaw Arthur Hill 57, Midland 43
Saginaw Valley Lutheran 69, Midland Bullock Creek 57
Schoolcraft 51, Kalamazoo Christian 37
South Haven 45, Paw Paw 42
South Lyon 58, South Lyon East 44
Southfield Bradford Academy 67, Pontiac A& T 51
Southfield Christian 77, Livonia Clarenceville 32
Southgate Anderson 50, Gibraltar Carlson 30
St. Charles 43, Ithaca 39
St. Joseph 35, Mattawan 30
Stevensville Lakeshore 49, Portage Northern 35
Stockbridge 53, Olivet 50
Sturgis 68, Vicksburg 46
Tawas 67, Midland Calvary Baptist 40
Taylor Trillium Academy 77, Detroit Community 28
Three Oaks River Valley 42, St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran 21
Traverse City St. Francis 49, Boyne City 44
Ubly 52, Memphis 41
Walled Lake Central 46, Walled Lake Western 43
Warren De La Salle 52, Birmingham Brother Rice 28
Warren Michigan Collegiate 71, Dearborn Henry Ford Academy 24
Wayne Memorial 59, Dearborn 56
White Lake Lakeland 54, Milford 36
Williamston 58, Lansing Eastern 41
Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 49, Bridgman 34
Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory 65, Detroit University Science 48
Zeeland East 49, Zeeland West 47
Zion Christian 57, Fruitport Calvary Christian 47

Friday's girls scores

Adrian Lenawee Christian 62, Calhoun Christian 16
Adrian Madison 56, Morenci 31
Alanson 36, Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian Academy 29
Allendale 58, Spring Lake 44
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 28, Warren Regina 24
Armada 29, Almont 27
Athens 37, Hillsdale Academy 30
Austin Catholic 55, Detroit Cristo Rey 19
Baraga 70, Watersmeet Gogebic 23
Bath 51, Fulton-Middleton 15
Battle Creek Lakeview 39, Kalamazoo Central 35
Bay City Central 45, Bay City John Glenn 40
Bellaire 53, Johannesburg-Lewiston 24
Bellevue 44, Battle Creek St. Philip 25
Big Rapids 45, Newaygo 39
Birmingham Seaholm 38, Farmington 35
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 51, Clarkston Everest Collegiate 26
Breckenridge 65, Blanchard Montabella 38
Brethren 47, Bear Lake 20
Brighton 55, Canton 5
Bronson 55, Homer 26
Brooklyn Columbia Central 50, Blissfield 46
Burr Oak 40, Waldron 38
Burton Bentley 52, Webberville 38
Byron 67, Durand 14
Cadillac 57, Alpena 27
Camden-Frontier 59, Tekonsha 5
Carney-Nadeau 49, Bark River-Harris 44
Carson City-Crystal 28, Merrill 25
Central Lake 62, Pellston 10
Centreville 52, Marcellus 38
Chelsea 47, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 30
Clare 50, Sanford-Meridian 32
Coloma 41, Saugatuck 29
Concord 65, Union City 23
Corunna 41, Clio 28
Croswell-Lexington 43, Yale 42
DeWitt 61, Lansing Everett 14
Dearborn Heights Annapolis 43, Redford Union 39
Dearborn Heights Crestwood 46, Garden City 36
Delton Kellogg 50, Constantine 48
Detroit Community 42, Detroit University Science 27
Detroit Edison(DEPSA) 82, Ann Arbor Huron 51
Detroit Voyageur 51, Pontiac Academy for Excellence 27
East Grand Rapids 67, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 32
East Jackson 46, Manchester 37
East Jordan 52, Harbor Springs 32
East Lansing 58, Holt 39
Eastpointe East Detroit 50, Clinton Township Clintondale 14
Eaton Rapids 62, Charlotte 45
Edwardsburg 57, Dowagiac Union 12
Elk Rapids 59, Grayling 32
Engadine 46, DeTour 23
Erie-Mason 55, Hudson 21
Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 51, Warren Fitzgerald HS 32
Fairview 33, Atlanta 22
Farmington Hills Mercy 57, Dearborn Divine Child 27
Flint Beecher 62, Burton Bendle 36
Flint Carman-Ainsworth 72, Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy 66
Flushing 53, Holly 29
Frankenmuth 55, Saginaw Swan Valley 30
Frankfort 47, Benzie Central 42
Fremont 51, Stanton Central Montcalm 44
Fruitport 32, Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills 22
Fruitport Calvary Christian 60, Zion Christian 21
Gaylord St. Mary 50, Indian River-Inland Lakes 32
Gobles 56, Fennville 37
Goodrich 62, Ortonville Brandon 39
Grand Blanc 35, Flint Powers 31
Grand Haven 41, Holland West Ottawa 33
Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 60, Wyoming Potter's House Christian 26
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 58, Greenville 25
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 34, Cedar Springs 27
Grand Rapids South Christian 41, Wyoming 30
Grandville Calvin Christian 50, Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 44
Grant 54, Remus Chippewa Hills 27
Grass Lake 53, Addison 10
Hanover-Horton 42, Vandercook Lake Jackson 17
Haslett 67, Fowlerville 27
Hazel Park 44, New Haven 23
Hesperia 46, Lakeview 20
Hillman 56, AuGres-Sims 14
Holland Black River 43, Grand Rapids Wellspring 35
Hopkins 53, Wyoming Godwin Heights 44
Ida 65, Dundee 51
Ionia 51, Lansing Sexton 17
Ithaca 34, St. Charles 19
Jackson Northwest 59, Jackson Lumen Christi 30
Jenison 58, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 45
Jonesville 45, Reading 40
Kalamazoo Hackett 55, Galesburg-Augusta 35
Kingston 46, Dryden 25
Laingsburg 49, Saranac 34
Lake Fenton 73, Owosso 22
Leslie 41, Lansing Christian 24
Lincoln Park 38, Trenton 34, OT
Livonia Churchill 49, Belleville 32
Livonia Stevenson 58, Dearborn Fordson 54
Ludington 50, Manistee 19
Mackinaw City 59, Boyne Falls 9
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North 45, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley 26
Madison Heights Bishop Foley 55, Marine City Cardinal Mooney 29
Mancelona 43, Onaway 22
Manistee Catholic Central 37, Pentwater 30
Marine City 54, St. Clair 28
Marion 30, Mason County Eastern 25
Marquette 47, Kingsford 34
Marshall 52, Battle Creek Pennfield 43
Martin 67, Watervliet, N.Y. 29
Mason 48, St. Johns 44
McBain Northern Michigan Christian 51, Evart 38
Michigan Center 72, Napoleon 17
Midland Calvary Baptist 47, Tawas 44
Midland Dow 48, Bay City Western 29
Millington 27, St. Louis 20
Munising 50, Norway 46
Negaunee 59, Manistique 21
New Lothrop 65, Mount Morris 21
North Dickinson 55, North Central 35
Okemos 55, Lansing Waverly 37
Onekama 49, Leland 48
Ottawa Lake Whiteford 47, Clinton 39
Owendale-Gagetown 26, Carsonville-Port Sanilac 16
Parma Western 58, Coldwater 49
Paw Paw 41, South Haven 35
Pickford 60, Brimley 24
Pinconning 58, Beaverton 40
Plainwell 56, Allegan 41
Plymouth 59, Howell 40
Port Huron 54, Romeo 23
Port Huron Northern 38, Warren Cousino HS 34
Portage Central 51, Niles 39
Portland 44, Lansing Catholic 38
Rapid River 53, Eben Junction Superior Central 29
Redford Thurston 53, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 38
Reed City 61, Howard City Tri-County 60
River Rouge 62, Taylor Prep 24
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 43, Southfield Christian 29
Rock Mid Peninsula 72, Republic-Michigamme 32
Rockford 55, Grandville 42
Saginaw Heritage 49, Davison 39
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 55, Carrollton 32
Saginaw Nouvel 39, Hemlock 35
Saginaw Valley Lutheran 42, Midland Bullock Creek 36
Saline 40, Dexter 18
Sand Creek 38, Petersburg Summerfield 24
Sault Ste Marie 64, Rudyard 21
Schoolcraft 32, Kalamazoo Christian 22
Shepherd 47, Harrison 44
South Lyon East 58, South Lyon 38
Southfield Bradford 49, Pontiac A&T 40
Springport 49, Quincy 29
St. Catherine 45, Ann Arbor Greenhills 21
St. Clair Shores Lakeview 59, Fraser 15
St. Ignace LaSalle 83, Rogers City 13
St. Joseph 42, Mattawan 40
Standish-Sterling 65, Essexville Garber 51
Stevensville Lakeshore 52, Portage Northern 32
Stockbridge 61, Olivet 39
Sturgis 49, Vicksburg 39
Summit Academy North 52, Mount Clemens 51
Traverse City Central 48, Traverse City West 36
Utica 47, Sterling Heights 25
Vermontville Maple Valley 63, Perry 45
Vestaburg 51, Ashley 46
Wakefield-Marenisco Gogebic 51, Dollar Bay 44
Walkerville 50, Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy 36
Walled Lake Western 35, Walled Lake Central 27
Warren Lincoln 62, Madison Heights 18
Warren Mott 38, Roseville 34
Waterford Mott 39, Waterford Kettering 22
Wayland Union 55, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 50
Wayne Memorial 52, Dearborn 39
White Cloud 59, Holton 21
White Lake Lakeland 34, Milford 31
White Pigeon 40, Cassopolis 38
Whitmore Lake 68, Brighton Charyl Stockwell 23
Williamston 57, Lansing Eastern 11
Ypsilanti Lincoln 47, Gabriel Richard Catholic 35

NHL

Thursday's Games

Boston 5, Winnipeg 4
Florida 5, Vancouver 2
Edmonton 4, Montreal 2
N.Y. Rangers 6, New Jersey 3
Tampa Bay 4, Arizona 0
St. Louis 5, Buffalo 1
Nashville 5, Chicago 2
Calgary 2, Minnesota 1
Dallas 3, Anaheim 0
Los Angeles 5, Vegas 2
San Jose 3, Columbus 1

Friday's Games

Carolina 3, Arizona 0
Detroit 3, Ottawa 2, SO
Pittsburgh at Colorado

Saturday's Games

Vancouver at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Columbus at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Nashville at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Arizona, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

RED WINGS 3, SENATORS 2

Ottawa	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0 —**	**2**
Detroit	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1 —**	**3**

Detroit won shootout 1-0

First Period–1, Detroit, Bertuzzi 16 (Hronek, Fabbri), 14:55.
Second Period–2, Detroit, Larkin 11 (Hronek, Bertuzzi), 5:32 (pp). 3, Ottawa, Tkachuk 14 (White), 5:54. 4, Ottawa, White 4 (Ennis, Reilly), 10:42 (pp).
Third Period–None.
Overtime–None.
Shootout–Detroit, Larkin.
Shots on Goal–Ottawa 10-9-10-2-2–33. Detroit 6-8-10-4-3–31.
Power-play opportunities–Ottawa 1 of 3; Detroit 1 of 4.
Goalies–Ottawa, Hogberg 1-2-3 (28 shots-26 saves). Detroit, Bernier 10-12-2 (31-29).
A–18,724 (20,000). T–2:46.
Referees–Frederick L'Ecuyer, Brian Pochmara. Linesmen–Ryan Gibbons, Kiel Murchison.

NBA

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia 109, Boston 98
Cleveland 115, Detroit 112, OT
Minnesota 116, Portland 102
Oklahoma City 113, Houston 92

Friday's Games

Washington 111, Atlanta 101
New Orleans 123, New York 111
Brooklyn 117, Miami 113
Indiana 116, Chicago 105
Memphis 134, San Antonio 121
Utah 109, Charlotte 92
Orlando at Phoenix
L.A. Lakers at Dallas
Milwaukee at Sacramento
Golden State at L.A. Clippers

Saturday's Games

Minnesota at Houston, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Boston, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Miami at New York, 3:30 p.m.
Utah at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Memphis, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 8 p.m.

PACERS 116, BULLS 105

INDIANA (116)
Sampson 4-4 0-0 8, Warren 8-15 0-2 17, Turner 10-18 6-6 27, Lamb 1-5 0-0 2, McConnell 2-3 0-2 4, Bitadze 2-4 0-0 4, McDermott 7-11 0-0 16, J.Holiday 3-10 0-0 9, A.Holiday 8-9 1-2 19, Sumner 3-5 2-2 10. Totals 48-84 9-14 116.
CHICAGO (105)
Dunn 2-6 0-0 5, Markkanen 4-9 0-0 11, Gafford 0-2 2-4 2, LaVine 14-23 7-7 43, Satoransky 5-11 2-2 13, Young 3-8 0-0 6, Kornet 0-1 0-0 0, Hutchison 1-3 0-0 2, White 8-17 2-3 23. Totals 37-80 13-16 105.

Indiana	**29**	**25**	**25**	**37 —**	**116**
Chicago	**27**	**19**	**26**	**33 —**	**105**

3-Point Goals-Indiana 11-30 (J.Holiday 3-7, A.Holiday 2-3, Sumner 2-4, McDermott 2-6, Warren 1-3, Turner 1-4, Lamb 0-2), Chicago 18-41 (LaVine 8-13, White 5-9, Markkanen 3-6, Dunn 1-3, Satoransky 1-6, Young 0-2). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Indiana 46 (Turner 14), Chicago 36 (Young 9). Assists-Indiana 31 (A.Holiday 8), Chicago 16 (Markkanen 4). Total Fouls-Indiana 16, Chicago 15. A-20,229 (20,917)

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

By HP STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

ST. JOSEPH 42, MATTAWAN 40

ST. JOSEPH (42)
Avery Blomgren 2 0-0 4, Maya Hunter 3 0-0 7, Symone King 1 5-9 7, Leah Barlow 1 0-0 2, Emma Inman 3 0-0 9, Eleah Hedstrom 0 2-3 2, Alex Malone 2 1-2 5, Mae Fischer 1 0-0 2, Cailynn Junk 2 0-0 4. Totals: 15 8-14 42.
MATTAWAN (40)
McKenna Macon 1 0-0 3, Abby Owens 1 1-2 3, Janelle Rupp 4 0-3 11, Natalie Martinil 1 0-2 2, Olivia Eubank 1 1-2 4, Jakya Rimpson 0 0-2 0, Yasmin Pirbhai 0 1-2 1, Natalie Foster 4 0-0 8, Adelaide Douglass 3 2-3 8. Totals: 13 5-16 40.

SJ	**7**	**7**	**12**	**16 —**	**42**
Matt	**9**	**13**	**7**	**11 —**	**40**

3-point goals — St. Joseph 4 (Hunter, Inman 3), Mattawan 4 (Macon, Rupp 3). Total fouls — St. Joseph 13, Mattawan 12. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none.
Records — St. Joseph 3-0 SMAC West, 5-3; Mattawan 0-3, 3-5.

EDWARDSBURG 57, DOWAGIAC 12

EDWARDSBURG (57)
Ella Castolucci 3 0-0 6, Paige Albright 1 1-2 3, Alyssah Simmons 1 0-0 2, Macey Lanbach 3 0-0 6, Katie Schaible 4 0-0 8, Kaitlynne Allen 3 1-4 7, Averie Markel 1 0-0 2, Claire Bartz 5 2-3 13, Abbey Krugh 3 0-0 8. Totals: 24 4-9 57.
DOWAGIAC (12)
Haydyn First 0 1-1 1, Makayla Hill 0 0-2 0, Allie Conner 3 1-2 8, Jalenna Payne 1 0-0 3. Totals 4 2-5 12.

Edwardsburg	**22**	**21**	**7**	**7 —**	**57**
Dowagiac	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3 —**	**12**

3-point goals — Edwardsburg 3 (Krugh 2, Bartz), Dowagiac 2 (Payne, Conner). Total fouls — Edwardsburg 5, Dowagiac 7. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none.
Records — Dowagiac 0-5 Wolverine South, 0-6; Edwardsburg 4-1, 7-1.

PORTAGE CENTRAL 51, NILES 39

PORTAGE CENTRAL (51)
Lee 0 0-1 0, Hoff 3 2-2 8, Long 7 7-8 22, Bradford 2 0-0 4, Brown 4 6-7 14, Ouvry 1 0-0 2, Grueter 0 1-2 1. Totals: 17 16-20 51.
NILES (39)
K. Patterson 2 3-4 9, Bickel 1 0-0 2, Davies 2 0-0 4, Palmer 2 5-7 9, A. Patterson 5 1-2 12, Rauch 1 0-0 3. Totals: 13 9-13 39.

PC	**12**	**15**	**11**	**13 —**	**51**
N	**6**	**17**	**10**	**6 —**	**39**

Fouls — Niles 16, Portage Central 13.
Records — Niles 2-1 SMAC West, 4-2; Portage Central 3-0, 6-1.

LAWRENCE 38, COUNTRYSIDE 16

LAWENCE (38)
Kaylee Stroud 15, Savannah Peek 11, Mancera 8, Murney 2, Peek 11, Gonzalez 2, Stroud 15.
COUNTRYSIDE (16)
Robinson 6, Pullen 6, McNeal 2, Washington 2.
Records — Lawrence 3-6, Countryside 0-4. Complete results unavailable.

HARTFORD 42, MENDON 38 (OT)

Hartford — Megan Nelson 12, Kashaya McCoy 8, Vanessa Delarosa 6.
Records — Hartford 4-2 Southwest 10, 5-2; Mendon 1-4, 2-4.
Complete results unavailable.

BOYS BASKETBALL

ST. JOSEPH 35, MATTAWAN 30

ST. JOSEPH (35)
Jeremiah Sterling 2 3-4 8, Luke Hedstrom 2 1-1 5, Josh Terry 0 1-2 1, Nick Borre 3 1-3 7, Andy Blomgren 3 3-8 9, Griffin Shinrock 0 2-4 2, Brennen Kerns 1 0-0 3. Totals: 11 11-22 35.
MATTAWAN (30)
Andrew McNulty 1 0-1 2, Luke Kerrins 1 0-0 2, Colin DeBoer 2 1-3 5, Michael Lampos 1 0-0 2, Jalen Jones 2 0-4 5, Jarod Hubbard 1 0-0 3, Andrew Foster 1 0-0 3, Carson Foor 3 2-2 8. Totals: 12 3-10, 30.

SJ	**8**	**3**	**12**	**12 —**	**35**
Matt	**4**	**9**	**9**	**8 —**	**30**

3-point goals — St. Joseph 2 (Sterling, Kerns), Mattawan 3 (Jones, Hubbard, Foster). Total fouls — St. Joseph 13, Mattawan 17. Fouled out — Foor (M). Technical fouls — none.
Records — St. Joseph 1-1 SMAC West, 2-4; Mattawan 0-2, 0-5.

LAKESHORE 49, PORTAGE NORTHERN 35

LAKESHORE (49)
Jonathan Worsham 0 2-4 2, Joey Lake 0 4-4 4, JJ Bushu 6 4-7 17, Ben Brower 4 4-5 13, Ja'Kobe Young 1 1-2 3, Dylan Clem 3 2-4 10. Totals: 14 17-26 49.
PORTAGE NORTHERN (35)
Kareem Williams 2 0-0 6, Anthony Tyus 3 0-2 6, Jace Whitley 1 1-1 3, A.J. Harris 1 0-0 3, Nate Mason 4 3-8 12, Jeff Wilson 2 0-4 5. Totals: 13 4-15 35.

L	**13**	**19**	**2**	**15 —**	**49**
PN	**20**	**1**	**9**	**5 —**	**35**

3-point goals — Lakeshore 4 (Clem 2, Bushu, Brower), P. Northern 5 (Williams 2, Harris, Mason, Wilson). Total fouls — Lakeshore 10, Portage Northern 23. Fouled out — Wilson (PN), Williams (PN), Tyus (PN). Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Lakeshore 33 (Brower 7, Young 5), Portage Northern 18.
Records — Lakeshore 2-0 SMAC West, 5-0; Portage Northern 0-2, 2-3.

NEW BUFFALO 68, LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC 27

NEW BUFFALO (68)
Nate Tripp 4 4-5 13, Kadem Parmley 8 5-9 23, Mark Shaw 3 0-0 7, Ben Lijewski 0 0-1 0, Cole Haskins 2 0-4 4, Anthony Lijewski 1 0-0 2, Sean Gordon 1 1-4 3, Michael Flick 2 0-0 5, Ryan Vinson 2 1-4 3, Zack Forker 3 0-0 6. Totals: 26 11-22 68.
LM CATHOLIC (27)
Max Allen 3 2-4 8, Diego Nerio 0 2-4 2, Nathan Green 1 0-0 2, Jacob Koenig 1 6-10 8, Matthe Rochefort 1 0-0 3, Andrew Conklin 2 0-0 4, Charles LaSata 0 0-1 0. Totals: 8 10-19 27.

NB	**10**	**23**	**29**	**6 —**	**68**
LM	**3**	**7**	**8**	**9 —**	**27**

3-point goals — New Buffalo 5 (Trapp, Parmley 2, Shaw, Flick), Catholic 1 (Rochefort). Total fouls — New Buffalo 24, Catholic 21. Fouled out — Haskins (NB). Technical fouls — New Buffalo (team), Catholic (team).
Records — New Buffalo 3-0 BCS White, 3-1; Catholic 1-4, 1-4.

COUNTRYSIDE 49, LAWRENCE 48

COUNTRYSIDE (49)
Booker 14, Gordon 4, Matlock 11, Norris 4, Rollins 4, Smith 3, Buchanan 1, Allen 3, Brown 5.
LAWERNCE (48)
Zapota 6, Lopez 9, Smith 13, Williams 3, Copeman 9, Bok 2, Payment 2, Bowman 4.
Records — Countryside 2-1 BCS White, 2-2; Lawrence 1-3, 2-5.
Complete results unavailable.

HARTFORD 47, MENDON 28

Hartford — Aaron Sinclair 20 points.
Records — Hartford 3-1 Southwest 10, 3-2; Mendon 0-4, 0-4.
Complete results unavailable.

BLOOMINGDALE 71, EAU CLAIRE 53

Complete results unavailable.

BRYANT

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day shy of the service time needed to become a free agent after the 2020 season. He contends he was held in the minors in a deliberate effort to delay his free-agent eligibility and that delay violated baseball's collective bargaining agreement.

Báez, one of baseball's most exciting players, nearly doubled his salary from $5.2 million last season. He hit .281 with 29 homers and made his second straight All-Star team after finishing second to Milwaukee's Christian Yelich in the 2018 NL MVP voting. Báez is under contractual control for two more years and could be in for a contract extension.

Contreras made his second straight All-Star team last season, hitting .272 with a career-high 24 homers and 64 RBIs. Like Bryant, Contreras could be traded to stock up on young players.

Schwarber, who made $3.39 million, set career highs with a .250 average, 38 homers and 92 RBIs. He was particularly good after the All-Star break, hitting .280 and going deep 20 times while driving in 49 runs.

The Cubs hope Almora can rebound after his batting average dropped 50 points to .236 and his on-base percentage fell from .323 to .271. The former first-round pick hit just .213 against left-handers even though he is a righty. And his average on balls in play dropped from .337 in 2018 to .255.

Chicago missed the playoffs for the first time since 2014 after finishing 84-78. The Cubs hired former catcher David Ross to replace Joe Maddon as manager, hoping "Grandpa Rossy" could give them a spark.

LSU

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third Louisiana native to coach LSU since the Tigers joined the Southeastern Conference in 1933. The coaches of LSU's national title teams all came from out of state: Paul Dietzel (Ohio) in 1958, Nick Saban (West Virginia) in 2003 and Les Miles (Ohio) in 2007.

Not that the people of Lafourche Parish need any football history lessons.

The quarterback of Orgeron's state title team was Bobby Hebert, who also became the first quarterback to lead the New Orleans Saints to the NFL playoffs. Although the area has a small-town feel, the high school stadium, comprised of two large concrete pavilions on each sideline, holds about 6,600 spectators. Traffic on football Friday nights can get backed up for miles on the two-lane roads along each bank of the bayou.

Like virtually everyone in his community, Orgeron was a big LSU fan growing up and accepted a scholarship to play for the Tigers, but struggled with his adjustment to college life away from home and dropped out. Later, he finishing his playing career at Northwestern State.

"I watched LSU football since I can remember," Orgeron said after practice this week. "I knew one day I'd get a chance to represent LSU and just representing all the guys that played in the purple and gold. This is what we live for."

Lane Fillinich, a former high school teammate of Orgeron, said the vibe in Lafourche Parish created by the LSU coach's recent success is like "going to the Holy Land and just that feeling when you're there that comes on you."

"You grew up as an LSU fan, but we've got a horse in the race now," Fillinich said. "We've got the key to the city now, the Cajuns."

The sentiment is widespread in Orgeron's old stomping grounds. On the front lawn of a one-story brick home a few miles up the bayou from where Adams lives is a purple and gold eye-of-the-tiger emblem resembling the one emblazoned on the 50-yard line at LSU's Tiger Stadium.

The home belongs to Cornelia "Coco" Orgeron, Ed Orgeron's 77-year-old mother. She said an artistically inclined neighbor painted it on her lawn and a few others in the area. Motorists often tap their horns in approval as they pass by.

"I go to the store and everybody says, 'Our boy did good,'" Coco Orgeron said. "Let's put it this way, he has a lot more cousins than he ever had."

Coco Orgeron still speaks French to her older friends and laments how Cajuns felt pressure to assimilate during war times in the first half of the 20th century, and often felt unfairly looked down upon as unsophisticated people who knew little of life outside the swamps and marshes. Cajuns, she said, should be known as resourceful, hard-working people with generous hearts.

Historically, the local economy revolved around trapping for pelts, sugar cane or the seafood industry. Shrimp, crabs, crawfish and oysters are favorites found at restaurants with names like Cher Amie's (Dear Friend's). More recently, the off-shore oil industry has been an economic driver, albeit in boom-and-bust cycles related to oil prices, and it has struggled recently.

"We were ridiculed all our lives," Coco Orgeron said while trying to explain why her community is so overjoyed by her son's success.

Coco said people she meets while running errands or attending church even complement the various shirts they see her son wearing on the sideline from week to week.

"Just little things like that they observe, they'll tell me everything that they see," she said. "I love it."

Ed Orgeron wasn't necessarily LSU's top choice to replace Les Miles, who was fired during the 2016 season. Although Orgeron had been successful in interim stints at USC and LSU, he went 10-25 in his only other head coaching job at Mississippi from 2005-2007.

When Orgeron insisted he'd learned from past mistakes and was ready to return LSU to national prominence, no one believed him more than people he'd grown up with, like Tommy Gisclair.

But Gislair said what Orgeron has done goes beyond football, saying the coach projects a positive aura that, for example, has made Cajuns less self-conscious, if not more proud, of the distinctive way they talk.

"He's turned it into a positive and people gravitate to him and they love it," Gisclair said. "They love to hear him."

Chances are, football fans will be hearing a lot more from him for seasons to come.

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A peachy piscatorial start to 2020

Dave Mull
Outdoors

The fickle winter weather has made ice fishing impossible on area lakes, but that hasn't kept some of us from fishing. In the first six days of 2020, I got on the water in my kayak three times. If I fish 180 more days this year, I'll have been on the water in half of this leap year's 366 days.

It's good to have goals.

First trip was Friday, Jan. 3, to Lower Crooked Lake near Plainwell, a body of water known for big muskies. My buddy Zach Heiden and I spent about four hours getting progressively colder in our kayaks without a bite. Finally, sunset gave us enough sense to head to Ned's on Gull Lake for pizza, burgers and beer.

But by noon the next day we launched our kayaks again, this time into Pine Lake, also near Plainwell. That day was gray, windy and so cold that ice formed in our rod guides. We bet a dollar on first, biggest and most fish, and I swept. I caught a tiny pike on a small black and blue jig and soon added a second on the same lure. This hammer handle was 19 inches long. Zach made things interesting by catching a baby pike on a shad-style crankbait, but we both got so cold we quit before Zach caught any more.

Monday morning I met my friend Mike Snay at Decatur's Lake of the Woods, which is about halfway between my home in Paw Paw and Mike's in Dowagiac.

We met at the public ramp just before 11. The day was cold and windy, but gorgeous — but the fish still had lockjaw. We tried the main lake first, where Mike had one bite and I caught a tiny perch on a Silver Buddy blade bait. We eventually entered a long, deep channel that is known for great ice fishing and good open water fishing in the late fall.

Both of our sonar units displayed lots of fish, which we guessed must have been mostly bluegills. Whatever they were, they wouldn't bite our bass lures.

I mostly stuck with the same little gold Silver Buddy blade that had caught the perch. It's a favorite cold water lure, and I tossed it with my baitcast combo spooled

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Photo provided / Dave Mull

Dave Mull poses with the biggest pike he ever caught. The fish came from Lake of the Woods near Decatur on Monday.

A tribute to the Porcupine Mountains

By JOHN PEPIN
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

"She's knotty but nice, reaching for the sky, she don't like snow or ice," – Gordon Lightfoot

In the burnt sunlight of a late afternoon, I followed a rocky trail down one side of an ancient volcanic rock face. The steep trail was rugged and twisted down into the forest below.

Once there, I stopped.

Looking up, I could no longer see the craggy, black rocks near the top of the lichen- covered face of the cliff. They were obscured by a dark green cover of pine needles and branches lightly perched high in the canopy.

I ran my hand over the dark reddish-brown bark of one of the trees. Still staring skyward, I enjoyed the peace and comfort of feeling small in the shadow of these forest giants. It was my old friend hemlock.

Sometimes called the Canada hemlock or the hemlock spruce, some eastern hemlock trees can live to be almost a thousand years old. Most manage to survive on the earth about half that long. God knows how old these were.

They turn their branches away from the prevailing winds. Lightning strikes, fires threatening their shallow root systems and windstorms are among their toughest foes.

Forest creatures like white-tailed deer, ruffed grouse and the snowshoe hare all find food and shelter among these trees.

This hemlock I'm describing is a species of pine, not to be confused with the poison Greek philosopher Socrates picked to end his life. His tea was brewed from the

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Christmas bird count includes bald eagle

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

Joanie Gentry of Sawyer photographed an adult bald eagle on Dec. 29, perched in a tree in Bangor Township. The bird was in the vicinity of both Van Auken and Rush Lakes. Both offer fish and waterfowl, favorite foods of the bald eagle.

Gentry's bald eagle sighting was one of three eagles tallied that day on the Coloma Christmas Bird Count, sponsored by Sarett Nature Center. The Coloma Christmas Bird Count has been conducted every year since 1972, and serves as a record of local bird populations over the decades. The Coloma census is one of four Christmas Counts annually conducted largely or entirely within Berrien County.

An American kestrel was photographed on Jan. 5 along Linco Road in Lincoln Township by Scott Glenn of Stevensville. The kestrel is also known as the sparrow hawk and is found year-round in Southwest Michigan, although it is easier to locate during the winter months, when kestrels from the north overwinter in our area.

Kestrels have become quite uncommon as a nesting species in Southwest Michigan due to reduction of grassland over the last part of the 20th century.

Brad Anderson photographed a lesser scaup on Jan. 7 at New Buffalo harbor. Female lesser scaups look very different than males, having brownish bodies with a distinct white patch near the bill.

Most lesser scaups only migrate through Southwest Michigan twice per year: during spring when scaup are northbound toward nesting areas in Canada, and again in fall when they pass south for the winter months. A relatively small percent of the population can be

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Photo provided / Joanie Gentry

An adult bald eagle on December 29 between Rush and Van Auken Lakes in Bangor Township.

Nice catch

Photo provided

Patrick Behnke of Benton Harbor caught this 21-inch black drum using live shrimp on New Year's Day while fishing in Blind Pass in Goodland, Fla. On his next cast, he caught a 15-inch sheephead.

Fishing report

Southwest Lower Peninsula

There is no safe ice in this area of the state. Small lakes and ponds may have skim ice but no safe ice. Some are chasing steelhead in the rivers; however, above-average flows are making it difficult to fish.

St. Joseph River: Was high, and catch rates were slow.

Kalamazoo River: Also had slow catch rates.

Grand River at Grand Rapids: Water levels were still high, but anglers are finding some steelhead when using a jig and wax worm, spawn or beads near the dam. Some big brown trout were also caught.

Rogue River: Is also producing some steelhead.

Muskegon Lake: Water clarity was low after runoff from the river. Those targeting walleye might want to use bright colors or glow-in-the-dark. A few shore anglers were casting for pike off Heritage Landing.

— Michigan DNR, Jan. 9

Warren Dunes

Volunteer stewardship work days: 1-4 p.m. Jan 12, 19 and 26. Meet at the picnic ground between the park headquarters and the campground. Volunteers will help remove non-native woody bushes and vines from dune areas. No experience is necessary. Dress for the weather, bring a pair of work gloves and hand trimmers if you have them. For more information, contact Heidi M. Frei at freih@michigan.gov.

Harbor Country Hikers

Robinson Woods Preserve quiet hike: 1 p.m. Jan. 18. HCH president Pat Fisher will share the postglacial history of the area during the 1.5-mile moderate level hike. Cold weather gear and water are recommended. For more information, visit harborcountryhikers.com.

Sarett Nature Center

Junior naturalist: 10 a.m.-noon Jan. 18. A club for kids ages 7-12 who are really interested in nature. Find out what it means to be a Sarett naturalist, learn about the animals of Sarett, and do projects. Other meetings Feb. 15, March 21, April 18 and May 23. Cost is $6 per session. Call 927-4832 to register. Membership is required.

Wine, glide and dine: Ski (or walk if there is no snow) over Sarett's trails. Bring a head light to help navigate. Stop to enjoy a fire and hot cider or mulled wine. The trail will end at the nature center where coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be waiting. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and favorite beverage. Cost is $5 ($3 for members). Call 927-4832 to register.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Terrarium making: 2-3:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at Fernwood. Learn the art of creating a chic miniature garden under glass. Plants, potting mix and containers provided, but feel free to bring your own creative elements. Cost is $55 ($44 for members). Register by Jan. 15.

Wild ones meeting: 12:30 p.m. Jan. 26. Meetings held the last Sunday of each month. Get involved with restoring native plants, natural landscapes, and pollinators to your backyard and local community. For more information on Wild Ones, please visit www.wildones.org or contact Heather Catania at skaarcat@aol.com.

Berrien County Sportsman's Club

Trap and skeet shooting: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays.

Coloma Rod & Gun Club

Carrying concealed weapon classes: 8 a.m.-5 p.m second Saturday of each month. Cost is $105. Call Andrew Zachary at 351-2051 or 944-7802.

Trap shooting: Thursdays 6-10 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m.-noon.

Archery: Ranges open for members at any time; public hours are 8 a.m.-noon Sundays and Thursdays 6-10.

Breakfast: Breakfast is available from 8 a.m. to noon every Sunday. For more information, go online to www.colomarodandgunclub.com.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

Carrying concealed weapon classes: 6-10 p.m. Jan. 16; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 18. Register from 6-7 p.m. Jan. 14. Saturday class features an attorney or police officer to speak and answer questions, an NRA course, personal protection in the home, and three hours of range time with one-on-one supervision. Cost is $100. Call 468-3837 to register.

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found locally during the winter months. Summer records are rare, usually representing non-breeding individuals or lingering migrants.

Anderson also found a pair of mute swans at North Lake in Grand Mere State Park on Jan. 7. The mild winter has prevented the need for these two swans to find open water elsewhere. Should the Grand Mere lakes freeze later this winter, the may move to the open water of St. Joseph River, or perhaps other inland lakes such as Christiana Lake in Cass County, where hundreds of swans congregate during protracted, severe winter weather.

A male pileated woodpecker has been visiting the suet feeder of David Allen of Bridgman, who photographed the bird on Jan. 6.

Male pileated woodpeckers can be identified by their red "mustaches", lacking on the female. Males also have a red forehead, while females have a black forehead. Both have red crests. The species is present year-round and does not migrate.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

Photo provided / Scott Glenn

An American kestrel on Jan. 5 in Lincoln Township.

Photo provided / Brad Anderson

A female lesser scaup at New Buffalo harbor on Jan. 7.

Photo provided / David Allen

A male pileated woodpecker on Jan. 6 at the feeder of David Allen of Bridgman.

Photo provided / Brad Anderson

A pair of mute swans in North Lake at Grand Mere State Park on Jan. 7.

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crushed leaves of the hemlock plant, also called "beaver poison" and "devil's flower."

The plants, which have small white flowers, are not native to America. When the leaves are crushed, they have an unpleasant smell. The same can be said of the needles of the hemlock tree – and therein lies the root of any confusion.

This similarity led to these attractive trees being named hemlocks, but unlike the 3- to 5-foot-tall flowering plants, hemlock trees are not poisonous.

Today, Michigan is home to over 170 million native hemlocks. Hemlock wood is used in newsprint and wrapping paper or to make boxes and crates, as well as railroad ties and timbers used in mining operations.

During Michigan's historic pine timbering days, hemlocks were avoided, with the wood less suited for lumber compared to some other pine species. The bark was stripped from hemlocks for use, as it is today, for tannin for leather.

Campers know when a piece of hemlock wood has found its way into the fire pit by the loud pops and cracks it makes when it burns.

As time passed, the demand for pulpwood tree species – including hemlock – increased. During World War II, pulpwood, because of reliance on paper goods for countless items, was an important material needed for the war effort.

In the early 1940s, a movement was underway to save from the woodsman's ax the intact hemlock-hardwood stands in the western Upper Peninsula – in particular, those trees located in what was to become Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

In October 1941, an article in the Detroit Free Press predicted a dire future for those timberlands if they were not saved.

"At the present rate of cutting, the largest single stand of virgin hardwood in the United States, covering 250 square miles of rugged country in Gogebic and Ontonagon counties, known as the Porcupine Mountains, will be reduced to a tree-less stump-

Michigan DNR photo

Lake of the Clouds is the trademark attraction at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

covered waste in less than 10 years," the paper reported.

In those days, the Porcupine Mountains – the highest range between New York's Adirondacks and the Black Hills of Dakota – still were attracting thousands of tourists, despite limited access.

"A road now runs along Lake Superior from Silver City to the bottom of the range, and a short, stiff climb brings sightseers to the top of the escarpment which overlooks the lake," the Free Press story said. "Besides the road to Lake of the Clouds, there is only one other access to the roadless wilderness area of the Porcupines. That is the country highway that leads to the mouth of the Black River and Black River Park, one of the outstanding scenic spots in Michigan."

The newspaper outlined the aims of those conservation-minded people organized to help preserve the area.

"A vacation-ground whose delights are just beginning to be discovered will lose much of its appeal," the newspaper said. "This is the dread prospect—unless this great area of privately-owned land can be brought into government ownership so that the timber may be harvested on a selective basis."

A 1943 Michigan Department of Conservation proposal urging land purchases for preservation as a park described the hemlock-hardwoods of the Porcupine Mountains.

"Except for an area immediately adjacent to Lake Superior, the slopes are covered with virgin forest growth of the hardwood-hemlock type, with small scattered patches of old-growth white pine interspersed," the report read. "Almost every phase of this type is present, varying from almost pure hardwoods, maple, birch and basswood on the upper slopes through varying degrees of hemlock mixtures, to the stands on the lower flats where hemlock predominates."

This lower, moist area where the hemlocks stand tall is where I stood admiring the growth of these magnificent trees. These rugged mountains offer many places where hemlock cathedrals provide inspiring places for peace and reflection – nature's beautiful churches – open to all.

Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park – Michigan's largest state park at roughly 60,000 acres – was established here in 1945. The park gained the "wilderness" part of its title in 1972, after passage of the Wilderness and Natural Areas Act.

For some reason to me, some trees appear "friendlier" than others. Hemlocks are among those trees that seem soft and pleasing – with their short, flat needles and tiny cones – yet strong and tall, some with trunks as thick as yardsticks.

I encounter my old friends often, and not just in the Porcupine Mountains – often with white cedars and balsam firs – in the wet swamps I haunt looking for cagey trout, wild bird songs and pretty pictures.

Here, in the places where black muck is king, hemlocks can offer a leg-up, a shady place to eat a sandwich or a firm place to rest your back.

Before turning back up the trail. I paused along the shoreline at the Lake of the Clouds. The trees of these famed forests cast beautiful swirls of watercolor magic across the placid surface of the lake.

At the top of the craggy escarpment again, I took one last look at those hemlocks now far below me.

Just knowing they were there would bring me peace of mind in the days ahead – days filled with ringing telephones, traffic noise and the television news talking every night about the laces woven around our fractious world seemingly coming apart.

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with 10-pound test fluorocarbon. This lure is best cast, allowed to settle on or close to the bottom, and then pulled with the rod tip just enough to feel it vibrate back and forth a few times. Let the lure settle close to the bottom and repeat.

Over about 14 feet of water, I was pulling the little metal bait up when it abruptly stopped. I yelled that I had one to Mike, who was about 40 yards away, and he paddled his orange Bonafide towards me to watch.

It was a big one. From the way the fish took line at will and even towed my kayak around, I conjectured I'd snagged one of the giant carp in Lake of the Woods. After about five minutes of the fish having its way, it surfaced about 20 feet away and I could see its dorsal fin and tail.

"Oh man, it's a big pike!" I exclaimed.

The fight continued for another five minutes or so with the fish almost tangling with my anchor line, spurring me to crank in my anchor with one hand, holding the rod with the other. There was no need to worry about getting slack in the line as the fish continued to pull down and away, actually towing my kayak around the channel.

Finally it came up to where I could reach it with the landing net and I just marveled at its size. In six decades of fishing, I'd never hooked a pike as big as this one was. I slid the net under the surprisingly docile fish and hoisted it into my plastic boat. A good third of it wouldn't fit in the net. I was happy to see the Silver Buddy had already come free of the fish and was tangled in the net — I didn't have to reach into its toothy maw to unhook it.

I held it up for Mike to take pictures, then he held my paddle and its ruler against the fish while I continued to hold it, belly sagging. From nose to tail it was 38 inches long. We figured it probably was over 40 inches long had it been laying flat on its side. However long it was, I'm sure it was the biggest pike I'd ever caught.

I slid the beautiful beast into the water and it quickly swam away.

It was a wonderful way to start a year of fishing.

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Are child crusaders, heroes fair game for adult critics?

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The point where childhood ends and adulthood begins isn't as straightforward as it seems. Add the limelight and things can get complicated for young people who either voluntarily or through circumstances live very public lives.

Those public lives often come with heaping helpings of adult-size sniping. But are children and adolescents who find themselves under global microscopes still entitled to age-appropriate protection from the harshness of public discourse? And, more importantly, can they handle it?

Children and teens, in this era of blurred boundaries, have at their disposal mobile megaphones – for the first time in human history – to reach the entire world. That allows them to be heard, and potentially taken seriously, by hundreds of millions of people, all the way up to heads of state who include the president of the United States.

But does it give those who hear them the right to slap back? At what point does the imperative to treat children more gently collide with their decision to enter the marketplace of ideas – and what happens when it does?

In 2012, 16-year-old gymnast Gabby Douglas became the first African American woman – and woman of color of any nationality – to win Olympic gold in the individual all-around. The feat was joyous, but some on social media bemoaned that her hair wasn't perfect.

The teen clapped back: "Are you kidding me? I just made history. And you're focusing on my hair?"

When climate activist Greta Thunberg, who just turned 17, was named Time magazine's 2019 person of the year, President Donald Trump took to Twitter to call her choice "ridiculous," going on to say: "Greta must work on her Anger Management problem, then go to a good old fashioned movie with a friend! Chill Greta, Chill!"

To that, Thunberg responded by changing her Twitter profile to mock the president's words. She told The Intercept: "Honestly, I think it's funny."

Since Serena Williams was a teen, when Malala Yousafzai won the Nobel Peace Prize after being shot in the face, with the ascent of 18-year-old pop star Billie Eilish and in the aftermath of the mass

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When climate activist Greta Thunberg, now 17, was named Time magazine's 2019 person of the year, President Donald Trump took to Twitter to call her choice "ridiculous."

Melanie Radzicki McManus / Chicago Tribune / TNS

The Alkali Flat Trail is the longest and most strenuous at White Sands, the country's newest national park. Hikers must follow the blazes, as there is no exact trail.

Welcome to White Sands

Getting to know our newest national park

By MELANIE RADZICKI McMANUS
Chicago Tribune

WHITE SANDS NATIONAL PARK, N.M. — I didn't expect to be hugged today, let alone three times. And by strangers.

But that's what happened after I snagged one of the 10 coveted campsites at White Sands National Monument in October, then offered to share it with some people who just missed the cut.

None of us knew that, weeks later, White Sands would become the country's newest national park. Defense legislation signed Dec. 20 by President Donald Trump included a provision to turn this national monument into a national park – putting it among the likes of the Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Yellowstone.

But on this fall day in southern New Mexico, national park designations weren't on any of our minds. What was: procuring a campsite

The simple gesture of sharing landed me three new besties: Meghan, a local seed collector preparing for graduate school, and Jules and Owen, artists from Austin, Texas. After their round of hugs, bracketed by heartfelt thanks, I jokingly note there is a catch to the deal. The trio must promise to rescue me if a tarantula comes creeping near my tent.

While I'm an experienced backcountry hiker, I was dismayed to learn tarantulas are abundant at White Sands. The large, furry spiders can't kill you, but they're ugly, their bite can be painful, and I know I'll freak out if I spot one near my tent.

The three readily agree to form a tarantula brigade, and we part ways with a cheery, "See you tonight!"

5 free days you can visit a national park in '20

One of the terrific things about the National Park Service – aside from its duty to serve as the caretaker of America's greatest outdoor spaces – is the annual designation of five days during the year that are free to the public.

These five days have been announced for 2020:

- **Jan. 20:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **April 18:** First day of National Park Week
- **Aug. 25:** National Park Service Birthday
- **Sept. 26:** National Public Lands Day
- **Nov. 11:** Veterans Day

On those five days, you can visit any national park without paying an entrance fee.

Three-quarters of America's national parks are already free. Of the 419 parks, 308 do not require an entrance fee.

The remaining 111 are among the most popular and most visited – think Yosemite National Park – and charge anywhere from $5 to $35 per vehicle as an entrance fee.

The parks that charge fees use that money to benefit the parks themselves – 80 percent of the money stays with the park where you paid the fee, and 20 percent goes to the other 308 parks that do not charge an entrance fee.

If you plan to visit several national parks in 2020, consider getting the America the Beautiful pass for $80. It allows you to visit hundreds of national parks and federal recreational lands for a year without paying entrance fees.

– TravelPulse (TNS)

White Sands is home to a 176,000-acre gypsum dune field, the world's largest. More than 600,000 visitors stop in annually to admire its shifting, sparkling-white dunes, which can travel as much as 38 feet a year and are visible from space.

In 2019, New Mexico's congressional delegation renewed a push to make it a national park, a prestigious designation reserved for areas with outstanding scenic features or natural phenomena, coupled with inspirational, educational and recreational value.

White Sands fits the bill. Its gypsum dunes are breathtaking – and they're a bit of an anomaly, since gypsum is a soft mineral that dissolves easily in water. It's typically washed out to sea via rivers and other waterways, not left alone to be transformed into sand.

But White Sands is part of the Tularosa Basin, which has no outlet. Monument materials liken it to a tub without a drain.

So over time, when gypsum-laden water washed down the surrounding mountains into the basin, the gypsum stayed put. Repeated freezing-and-thawing cycles, coupled with fierce winds, transformed the gypsum crystals into tiny grains of sand, which created the impressive dunes we see today.

The dunes' existence was threatened around 1885, when profiteers wanted to mine them. That's because gypsum is a versatile, valuable mineral used in everything from drywall to food and medicine.

In fact, one monument sign claims people consume 28 pounds of gypsum in a lifetime. Thankfully, the mining proposal was thwarted by preservationists, and the area was designated a national monument in 1933.

I'd arrived at White Sands the previous evening for its full moon hike, an uber-popular event that takes place monthly from May through October. As the plump moon's bright light reflected off the snowy dunes, creating shadows despite the darkness, park ranger Brenna Rodriguez regaled our group with tales of life in the dazzling dunes, from the Apache pocket mice whose fur grew lighter over time – camouflage courtesy of natural selection – to the sand verbena and soaptree yucca that grew fast (verbena) and tall (yucca) to avoid being buried alive by the shifting sands.

When our trek was finished, I told Rodriguez I'd be camping at the monument the following night. But she nixed my plan to arrive at 9 a.m., when the office opened.

"This morning, all of the campsites were taken in four minutes," she said, advising me to arrive instead at 7 a.m., when the park entrance gate was unlocked.

Thanks to her advice, I was eighth in line, got a campsite and made three new friends. Now here I am, with the entire day to explore.

My first decision: hike or sled? Sledding is one of the most popular activities at White Sands. The gift shop conveniently sells plastic saucers, the most efficient means of rocketing down a sandy slope. While sledding is tempting, I opt to hike instead.

The monument contains 8.9 miles of trail via five paths. Each showcases different aspects of the dune field and can be accessed from Dunes Drive, a winding, 8-mile road that ends in a loop.

I spend the day meandering along the various trails, enjoying otherworldly vistas of expansive, snow-white mounds. Occasionally, groups of sliders appear, their colorful saucers decorating the dunes like bits of confetti.

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WHITE SANDS

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It's afternoon when I begin my final hike along the 5-mile Alkali Flat Trail, the longest and most strenuous. This path skirts a portion of the adjacent White Sands Missile Range, where the first atomic bomb was tested in 1945.

There's no actual pathway here, as the shifting sands easily erase footsteps and change the look of the terrain, sometimes day-to-day. Instead, you have to hike from one orange signpost to the next, blazing your own trail.

As I wind up and down the rare, milky dunes, framed by the stately San Andreas and Sacramento mountain ranges, I feel as though I'm on another planet.

With the sun sinking, I head for the backcountry campsites. Each site sits at the bottom of a small depression in between the dunes. My new friends arrive as I'm preparing dinner, which they eschew in favor of climbing atop the dunes to catch the sunset. I toss down my spork and scramble after them.

Minutes later, the show begins.

"Wow! That's incredible!" Owen says as ribbons of pink, tangerine and butter unroll across the horizon, their light painting the dunes the palest of pinks. In the west, the sun is setting in a blaze of fiery reds and oranges.

"The sky looks enormous," Jules whispers.

As the sun continues its decline and the moon powers up, the dunes take on a delicate lavender hue that deepens to a rich plum. I turn off my camera, knowing I'll never be able to capture the grandeur unfolding before my eyes.

At sunrise, we again gather atop the dunes, now bathed in a striking baby blue. Awestruck, no one says a word. Eventually, I head down to break camp. And it's here, alone at my tent, that I see it: a fat, fuzzy spider.

"Tarantula!" I scream, hopping around half-panicked, yet half-amused that I have to call the tarantula brigade into action.

Jules, Owen and Meghan race down the dune while I point to the beast from a safe distance. Jules ponders poking at it with a trekking pole, but I say no, fearing that will send it racing toward me.

We look at one another for a moment before Jules says, "This is curious. The tarantula isn't moving." Bending down, she scoops it up, then thrusts it toward me with a grin.

"It's a fake," she says. "I got it at the gift shop."

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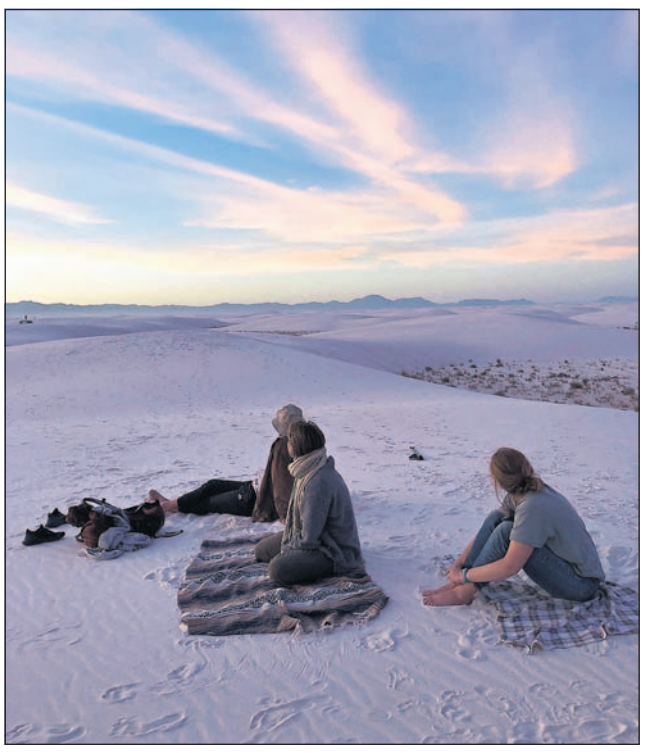
Sunset at White Sands paints the dunes in a striking lavender hue.

Trekkers make their way through White Sands on a full moon hike in October.



Campers catch the sunset on top of the dunes at White Sands National Park.

We all roar with laughter.

Later, I tuck the tarantula into my backpack. I'll keep it as a reminder that the world is filled with all kinds of beauty, from shining white sands and magnificent sunsets to hugs from strangers and belly laughs with new friends.

FAIR GAME

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school shooting in Parkland, Fla., that turned young survivors into gun control activists, the treatment of young people in the public eye has had its ups and downs.

"For anyone who shares public opinions about civic and social issues, like Greta Thunberg and the Parkland teens have done, it can cut both ways. It can be empowering for young people to use their voices in such a public way. Young people can also be especially effective in changing public conversations about important issues. People listen to young people in a different way," said Dr. Parissa Ballard, a developmental psychologist at Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C.

"At the same time, public political engagement can be very stressful and can put young people in a vulnerable position when they receive criticism or people publicly disagree," said Ballard, whose research focuses on the intersection of civic engagement and adolescent health and wellness.

Students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School who began speaking out for gun reform soon after the shooting there were already in a devastating position when they faced accusations that some were "crisis actors" and the group was under the manipulation of gun control advocates.

The teens were unfazed.

"There are people who are going to be putting us down. It doesn't matter. Everything we're doing, it can't be stopped," Diego Pfeiffer, an 18-year-old senior at the time, said in February 2018. "We are children and we have a message. They are bashing survivors of a school shooting. You can go ahead, but our message is going to be heard loud and clear."

Development psychologists prefer to speak of stages when describing life's slide from childhood into adolescence and on to young adulthood, such as the onset of biological changes and shifts in social roles. Some use more rigid measures, considering childhood to extend through age 12, with adolescence roughly between 12 and 18, and young adulthood the period between 18 and 25.

Richard West, an Emerson College communications professor who focuses on family, bullying and identity, said that's only part of the story for young people who prematurely find themselves in adult spaces.

"These are individuals who are emotionally driven and passionately obsessed with having a dialogue," he said. "I don't feel that they should be held to a standard that we hold, for instance, a president or an ambassador."

Finding that line isn't easy.

"We all need to jump in. It's not just Greta's family. It's not the Parkland kids' families. It should be all of us jumping in when we see something or hear something that might be completely out of line with the values of this country," West said. "We don't have the value as a country of attacking young people who might be activists."

Jumping in is exactly what former first lady Michelle Obama did on Twitter after Trump's "chill" tweet about Greta.

"Don't let anyone dim your light," Obama urged Greta. "Like the girls I've met in Vietnam and all over the world, you have so much to offer us all. Ignore the doubters and know that millions of people are cheering you on."

Eilish, who grew popular in 2016 with her SoundCloud single "Ocean Eyes," has long been surrounded by family in her entourage, including her parents and her older brother and collaborator, Finneas Baird O'Connell. But fame has had its rough spots nonetheless.

"I forget sometimes that they're not literally my friends," she told Variety of her fans. "It's weird, like, that's probably the biggest con in it all: that people I've never met think I'm really close friends with them. And then they forget that I'm not, and sometimes say stuff at meet-and-greets or post things that are joking or sarcastic about how bad I look in (a certain) photo, and I'm like, wow, that's so mean. But then I remember that it's just part of being friends – you make fun of your friends as a joke, and they make fun of you back – so it's all love, and I really, really don't want it to change."

Ballard, too, sees a key role for supportive adults when public young people face detractors, especially those like Greta and the Parkland survivors who are up against grown-ups with immense power and resources.

"Adults can support young activists by helping them understand the range of possible reactions they might get and to help manage their expectations about public political engagement," she said.

Daryl Van Tongeren, an associate professor of psychology at Hope College in Holland, Mich., specializes, in part, on questions of morality.

"I think sadly in our society they do sometimes forfeit their childhoods, but I don't think that they should have to," he said. "I think as a society we view them as no longer being children and somehow we now have rights to kind of put them in a different realm, put them in a different category. It's a moment for us to pause and say, just because this is happening, does that mean that it's good or it's healthy or it's right?"

Gregory Bull / AP file photo

U.S. gymnast Gabby Douglas performs on the balance beam during the artistic gymnastics women's individual all-around competition at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

ENGAGEMENT

Hartzler Whitehead

Katie Hartzler and Benjamin Whitehead are planning a July 18, 2020, wedding.

Hartzler, the daughter of Doug and Tina Hartzler of Bridgman, graduated from Bridgman High School in 2016, and will be graduating from Grand Valley State University in April.

Her fiancé, the son of Mick Whitehead and Karleen Stover of St. Joseph, graduated from Lakeshore High School in 2017. He is an Army ROTC Cadet at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and will graduate in 2022.

BAZAARS

NILES: The Sweet Charity Sewing Group will host "Leap Year Cure for Cabin Fever Indoor Shop Hop" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 29 at St. John's United Church of Christ, 601 Sycamore St. Admission is $5. There will be quilting-related items from vendors from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. Food will be provided by Brew Ha Ha. For more info, contact Cathy Marsh at 362-4314 or Sherri Wade at 782-9384.

Bazaars and arts and crafts shows are published on Saturdays. Nonprofit groups that would like to be included should send a news release at least two weeks in advance of the event to Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or email focus@TheHP.com.

ATTENTION: COUPLES

The Herald-Palladium publishes news for engagements, weddings and anniversaries on Saturdays.

With engagements and weddings, one of the couple must be a resident or former resident of the area to have the announcement published. Couples celebrating anniversaries also must be residents or former residents.

Forms are available online at www.TheHP.com/site/forms and in our office, 3450 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph. Information submitted will be used as space permits.

Engagements

Engagement stories and pictures are published only if they are received more than 30 days before the wedding date. Stories are published with a picture of the couple.

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Wedding stories and pictures will be published if received within six months after the wedding date. Wedding stories are published with a picture of the couple.

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Stories with one picture will be published for couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years and every five years thereafter through 45 years. Stories and two photos will be published of couples celebrating 50 years and every five years thereafter.

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Photographs for the Couples page may be published in color for $15. There is no charge for photographs published in black and white.

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Helping the homeless

If you are passionate about helping the homeless, and interested in street outreach, Emergency Shelter Services is looking for volunteers to help with the PIT count.

The PIT count is a nationwide effort to tally the number of un-sheltered Americans living on the street on a single night in January. Each year, ESS staff and area volunteers take to the streets, the woods, the food pantries, the warming station, and hard-to-reach places to get an official count of the homeless in our area.

ESS staff and volunteers take care kits, blankets, gloves, hats, resource cards and more with them. Training will be provided.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Matter of Balance coaches

The Region IV Area Agency on Aging is looking for volunteer coaches to teach Matter of Balance classes.

"Matter of Balance – Managing Concerns About Falls," is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults.

Volunteer coaches need to be dependable, have good communication and interpersonal skills, enthusiasm, a willingness to lead small groups, and the ability to lead low- to moderate-level exercise.

Upcoming training sessions will be from 1-5 p.m. Jan. 21 and 23.

For more information, contact Julie Schwarz at 982-7759.

Show Me the Money

Summit Financial Wellness will host Show Me the Money Day on Feb. 22. The free event will feature financial products, community resources and financial workshops.

This annual statewide event is designed to kickoff tax season and promote opportunities to increase income, save and build assets.

Volunteers are needed to help register participants, manage door prizes, serve food, help in workshops and assist vendors with set-up and breakdown.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Do you love gymnastics?

The YMCA of Greater Michiana is looking for volunteers to help with Creative Movement, Intro to Tumbling, and Intro to Gymnastics.

Volunteers will assist children with hand-eye coordination, motor skills, learning gymnastics skills, strength, flexibility and more.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help feed the hungry

Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure it gets distributed as quickly as possible, and to increase the distributed amount, Feeding America West Michigan developed the Mobile Food Pantry.

Mobile pantries are like farmers markets on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

Kinexus will host a mobile food truck on Jan. 27, Feb. 11 and Feb. 24.

Volunteers help distribute food, carry heavier groceries for people who need help and give a smile to those that are experiencing food insecurity.

Other dates, locations and more information can be found at volunteer.uwsm.org.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit United Way of Southwest Michigan's volunteer page at **uwsm.org/volunteer.**

Kids Night Out

The YMCA is hosting a night out for kids, and volunteers are needed. The volunteers will help provide children with a fun, positive and safe evening full off crafts, games, food, swimming and socialization.

Volunteers must be at least 14 years old, pass a background check, and work well with kids.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Create seasonal window displays

Emergency Shelter Services' Resale Store finds a second home for gently used goods with proceeds supporting the functions of its shelter and clients.

The store is always having goods donated, and volunteers are needed to help create fun, seasonal interior window displays, and sort items that come in. Any size group is welcome.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Do you love numbers?

Do you love numbers and want to volunteer with the most effective program to help move people out of poverty?

Sign up for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.

Receiving the full potential of a tax refund is crucial in helping families in need move toward sustainability. Volunteer as often as you'd like to make a lasting impact in our community.

United Way will provide all training to become an IRS-certified tax preparer.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Serve on a board

The Domestic Violence Coalition is looking for volunteer board members.

Meetings are from 5:30-7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in Paw Paw.

For position details, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Join the local food movement

The Southwest Michigan Local Food Council is a collective of advocates that takes evidence-based actions toward the development of an equitable regional food system that values local farmers and entrepreneurs. The council is seeking volunteers to join their working groups.

The Joy for our Food Working Group invites those interested in sharing food and culture and growing a local food movement here to join.

The Abundance and Fairness of Our Food Working Group centers around supporting beginning farmers and increasing the amount of locally-produced foods served in schools, hospitals and other institutional food service operations.

The Growing Infrastructure for Our Food Working Group is about improving resources that support a local food system.

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United Way of Southwest Michigan mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

Finding the right balance to life

Pat Arter
Generations

Arriving at work on a Monday morning recently, I felt a bit more energized than usual.

Trying to figure out what made this Monday different, one thing was that I'd had a particularly quiet weekend. Friday night we had the pleasure of a sleepover with our 6-year-old granddaughter. That doesn't typically translate to quiet time, but on this occasion it did.

We ate pizza together, played a couple games, then settled back to snuggle and watch a movie. I think she sensed that I was tired, and she seemed very content to chill out with Grandma. (I should mention that she is a middle child, so not having to compete for an adult's attention might have been part of it.)

Saturday morning, we had pancakes together (thanks, Grandpa!) and eased into our day. We played lots of cards, eight games of Trouble, and then another game she got for Christmas.

It was all good fun, and we were still in our pajamas. She wanted more games, and I said, "Let's have a little quiet time." I was sure this would be the end of relaxing. Instead, she said, "OK, Grandma."

What? I was shocked.

We watched another movie with the sound turned way down and spoke to each other only in whispers. It was simply delightful. After an hour or so I said to her, "Quiet is good sometimes, isn't it?" She smiled and said, "It is." ... even surprising herself.

After she left, I was able to finish a great book, and start a new one. My husband and I had a quiet night, and besides a few Sunday chores, had a quiet finish to our weekend. It was a slice of heaven.

I have always enjoyed some quiet time, but I seem to get so little of it. Of course, it's not always practical. We have a busy life, friends and family and community events we enjoy.

Some are things we should do, and many are things we want to do. But that weekend was a great reminder to me of the importance of quiet in my life.

I'm sure that's not true for everyone, but for me it is critical that I make it happen.

With every passing year, beginning with the birth of my first child, I've gotten better at saying no. It's an important part of healthy living. We are all invited to a plethora of good things, but that doesn't mean we have to attend them all.

With the increased use of Facebook and other social media, we are bombarded with invitations – worthy fundraisers, after-work get-togethers, girls' night out and so much more.

Saying no is something I had to practice. The hardest part of learning to say no was to do it without adding an excuse. "No, thank you" works just fine. If pressed I will respond that I'm just needing some quiet time. But people generally are accepting of a simple "no."

I know that not everyone is wired the same as I am. Many people are happiest when they're very busy. For each of us it's important to find the right balance, the combination of eventful days and down time that keeps our motors running on all cylinders.

This is not a New Year's resolution, but I was grateful for the gentle reminder of what helps me to function at my best level. I encourage you to do the same.

Happy New Year.

Pat Arter is senior volunteer program director of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

Paul's encouraging words to the Thessalonians

Kenneth E. Robinson
Insights

First, I'd like to thank the Benton Harbor community for accepting my family and I as some of your newest residents. These last several months have been a whirlwind, but because of your kindness, the transition has been that much easier. We look forward to being a part of this community for years to come.

As we enter into this new year and decade, although we face many challenges, we also have much to be grateful for.

As someone new to this community, I wondered what I could say that would be of some encouragement, especially with so much turmoil surrounding us. But then, by divine intervention, I was reminded that before closing 2 Thessalonians, St. Paul asked God to bless the people with three divine things.

The first was peace. Some understand peace to mean all manner of prosperity. But the apostle meant peace with God: (a) peace in their own conscience (b) peace among themselves and (c) peace among others.

This peace he desired for them always, in everything, and by all means. The gift of peace is God's, who is "the author of peace and Lover of accord."

And of this we may be firmly assured, that we shall neither have peaceable dispositions ourselves, nor be at peace with others, unless the Lord of peace himself give us both.

Secondly, he prays that the presence of the Lord be with them.

Moses intensely desired the divine presence of God to go with him and the Israelites to the land of promise. From his own words to Jehovah himself, Moses pleads, "if thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence."

He knew full well of the absolute need of God's presence to guide them, but also that his presence really included every other good thing.

Paul felt as did Moses. He was sure that if the Lord was with the Thessalonians, all would be well with them.

My friends, we need nothing more to make us safe and happy, nor can we desire anything better for ourselves, our family and friends, than to have the Lord's gracious presence with us. His presence will be a guide and guard in every path we may go, and a real comfort in every condition we may be placed.

It is the presence of God that makes heaven to be heaven, and the presence of God will make this earth, although cursed with sin and sorrow, like unto heaven. If God be with us and for us, he's more than the world against us.

Lastly, Paul ask that the Lord's grace be with them.

Whatever the distinction of the Thessalonians for their inherent virtues and gracious qualifications, Paul knew that it was only God's sovereign grace, and not their own merit, that must be relied upon for obtaining any temporal or spiritual mercy from the hands of God.

Although he commended them for their faith, love, patience and other spiritual gifts, he still closes and crowns them all by asking God's grace and favor for them as the cause of all they stood in need of or could expect.

This grace and favor flows to us through Jesus. Paul delighted and trusted in it. It made him the saint, preacher and hero he was, and it is no wonder that he loved his Thessalonian converts with a deep and holy passion. Paul took his leave of them with these precious words of blessing.

Just as Paul asked God's blessings for the Thessalonians, I ask God's blessings of peace, presence, grace and favor for our community, too.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. Kenneth E. Robinson, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Benton Harbor. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

CHURCH NOTES

Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Adkins Drive, Benton Harbor, will have a Second Sunday Fire service at 6 p.m. Sunday. It is an interdenominational worship service, and all are welcome to attend. Second Baptist's Rev. Kenneth E. Robinson will preach.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, will begin a five-part series, "Finding Joy in Real Life: 5 Habits to Live Well," at 10 a.m. Sunday. The Rev. Adam Bohland will speak on "The Golden Rule" this weekend.

The Pokagon Fund, in conjunction with **Waters Edge United Methodist Church**, will sponsor a session of Financial Peace University at 6 p.m. Sundays for nine consecutive weeks (except Feb. 2) beginning Sunday in the cafeteria at New Buffalo High School, 1112 E. Clay St. Cost is $10 for residents of Harbor Country. Day care will be provided. To sign up, visit harborcountryfpu.com.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Sadie's agreeable personality allows her to get along with all dogs. With a playful dog, she joins in playtime. With a quiet dog, she'll join in a nap. She came to Paws of Hope with her 1-day-old litter of seven. She loved being a mama, but has embarked on a search for her own home. She is spayed, current on vaccines, and completed heartworm treatment like a champ. For more info, or to adopt her, call 340-0272 or email paws4ever2012@gmail.com.

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Matzneff flap a cautionary tale for cultural aristocrats

Jonah Goldberg

Gabriel Matzneff is not a good man, but it's taken France a long time to realize it.

Norimitsu Onishi of The New York Times reported an astonishing story this week. It begins:

"The French writer Gabriel Matzneff never hid the fact that he engaged in sex with girls and boys in their early teens or even younger. He wrote countless books detailing his insatiable pursuits and appeared on television boasting about them. 'Under 16 Years Old,' was the title of an early book that left no ambiguity.

Matzneff, now 83, spent decades as a French literary darling. His work was supported by leading newspapers and literary publications. He'd appear on highbrow TV shows where he'd regale interviewers and audiences with the sublime pleasures of having sex with children in France and on sex tours of southeast Asia.

His overdue comeuppance is the result of a memoir by one of his victims, Vanessa Springora, who was seduced by a then-50-something Matzneff when she was 14.

"He was not a good man," Springora writes. "He was in fact what we're taught to dread since childhood: an ogre."

In his book "Under 16 Years Old," Matzneff writes, "To sleep with a child, it's a holy experience, a baptismal event, a sacred adventure." The book was first published in 1974 but was republished, apparently with no controversy in 2005. In 2013, Metznaff received a major French literary prize.

How could a country that prides itself on being so enlightened celebrate an ogre? After all, we're not talking about a Jeffrey Epstein, as horrible as he was. The well-connected billionaire spent vast sums to keep his sexual abuses at least somewhat secret. Matzneff not only confessed to his crimes, his confessions were celebrated as literary contributions.

The answer stems in part from the fact that Matzneff was a "Child of '68" – i.e., a product of the left-wing "May 68" movement that shook France in the 1960s. These radicals subscribed to the idea that anything smacking of traditionalism or bourgeois morality was backward. Conventional sexual morality was part of the same rotten edifice as imperialism and racism. True liberation meant not just freedom from, say, capitalism, but also from the old-fashioned view that sex with kids was wrong. "It's forbidden to forbid" was a rallying cry.

Some argued, Onishi writes, "for abolishing age-of-consent laws, saying that doing so would liberate children from the domination of their parents and allow them to be full, sexual beings."

A few years ago, Daniel Cohn-Bendit, the famous former radical and leader of the European Green movement, got in hot water for his earlier writings and statements about "erotic" encounters with 5-year-olds. He dodged major consequences by disavowing his own words, saying they were merely intended to provoke.

Matzneff can't make such claims. His whole identity was invested in the seduction of children and teenagers.

Sociologist Pierre Verdrager, the author of "L'Enfant Interdit," or "Forbidden Child," which chronicled the politics of pedophilia in 1970s France, told Onishi: "There was an aristocracy of sexuality, an elite that was united in putting forth new attitudes and behavior toward sex. And they were also grounded in an extreme prejudice toward ordinary people, whom they regarded as idiots and fools."

America, so backwardly bourgeois in the eyes of these aristocrats, doesn't have France's problems, but it is hardly immune to such dynamics. Director Roman Polanski, who fled America rather than face sentencing for statutory rape, is routinely defended by Hollywood royalty in part because of a similar aristocratic attitude.

Matzneff is a good example of what can happen when people who share a self-styled radical worldview capture the commanding heights of the culture and consider themselves above the rubes from whom they make their money.

There's a reason Ricky Gervais struck such a chord at the Golden Globes on Sunday when he told the assembled Hollywood royalty to get over themselves.

"If you do win an award tonight, don't use it as a platform to make a political speech," Gervais said. "You're in no position to lecture the public about anything. You know nothing about the real world. Most of you spent less time in school than Greta Thunberg."

This should be a cautionary tale for all cultural aristocrats. Not all radical fads hold up well over time. Perhaps in 50 years, a memoir from someone who as a child was subjected to hormone blockers to change his or her gender will provoke similar retroactive outrage.

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LETTERS

Wolf deserves accolades for the job he has done

Editor,

We write to express our gratitude and appreciation for William "Bill" Wolf, one of the best public servants either of us has had the pleasure of working with.

We write this letter at a time when our divisions and differences can sometimes seem too large to make progress on anything. Too often today people who disagree with each other are not engaging and simply wait for their next opportunity to tell the other person how wrong they are.

Thankfully, indigent defense reform in Michigan has not followed this all too familiar pattern. People all across the political and ideological spectrum have come together in Michigan to study, propose, poss, implement and maintain a state-of-the-art public defense system for our community's most vulnerable. This partnership has allowed us to make significant progress towards the goal of achieving a system where the poor and disenfranchised are treated the same as the wealthy and well-connected.

While there are many people who have made significant contributions to public defense reform, few people have been more central to achieving this goal in Berrien County than Bill Wolf. In 2016, he understood the importance of making sure that Berrien made a change in the way indigent defense was handled. Bill made a commitment to ensure that everyone received high-quality representation regardless of their life circumstances. Bill worked for justice and fairness for all. We can assure you that these changes – like all fundamental change – did not happen without a struggle.

Behind every decision was the well-counseled and professional advice of Bill Wolf. Using the knowledge he has gained in a lifetime of public service, he was always happy to be helpful on anything we needed. Bill Wolf served his country as a proud West Point graduate and served our country honorably by working hard to change indigent defense for the better and forever. If every government had a Bill Wolf at the helm (sorry for the Navy reference, Bill) we both think that those governments would get a lot more done for the public. He will be a big loss for the community and we both wish him all the best as he enters the next chapter in his life.

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Soleimani strike was the right call to make

By JAMES PHILLIPS
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A lot of hand-wringing followed the U.S. airstrike that killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani – and it became even worse in the wake of Iran's Jan. 7 missile strikes.

Many have questioned what evidence, if any, indicated the general was planning an "imminent attack" on U.S. forces, as Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called it.

But even if such evidence was "razor thin," as the New York Times reported, this airstrike was indeed the right call to make. It's also one that shouldn't have surprised Iranian officials one bit, unless they had ignored President Donald Trump's repeated warnings against killing Americans.

Soleimani was no angel, to put it mildly. For many years, he was the mastermind behind Iran's low-intensity warfare and terrorist campaign against the U.S. and its allies. As the leader of the Quds Force, the elite special-operations wing of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Soleimani essentially served as Iran's viceroy for Iraq, Syria and Lebanon.

He rose to prominence inside Iran and in the region by supervising Iran's expanding network of surrogate militias, terrorist groups and radical Islamist allies.

His Quds Force orchestrated the formation, arming, training and operations of a foreign legion of Iraqi, Syrian, Lebanese, Afghan, Yemeni and other militant groups that Tehran has deployed to advance its imperial agenda and to export Iran's Islamist revolution.

Iran long has used surrogate militias to do its dirty work in Iraq. One of the terrorists killed along with Soleimani was Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, the leader of Kataib Hezbollah ("Brigades of the Party of God").

Like Soleimani, al-Muhandis was designated as a terrorist by the United States. He was convicted and condemned to death in absentia in Kuwait for his involvement in the 1983 bombings of the U.S. and French embassies in Kuwait City.

This radical Iraqi militia – modeled on Lebanon's Hezbollah terrorist militia (which Soleimani also helped to build up) – was formed in 2007 as a proxy group under the direct command of Soleimani's Quds Force. Kataib Hezbollah was one of the Iraqi militias that the Quds Force employed to kill more than 600 U.S. troops in Iraq from 2003 to 2011, according to Pentagon estimates.

Kataib Hezbollah also was responsible for numerous rocket attacks in recent months on U.S. troops in Iraq, including the Dec. 27 rocket attack that killed an American citizen and provoked the current crisis. The U.S. retaliated for the rocket attack with airstrikes against five Kataib Hezbollah bases and weapons-storage sites in Iraq and Syria on Dec. 29.

This prompted Kataib Hezbollah and other Iran-backed militias to mobilize a mob that besieged the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad on Dec. 30-31 and tried to set it on fire. Soleimani arrived at Baghdad airport shortly thereafter, undoubtedly planning to orchestrate more dangerous attacks on U.S. personnel in Iraq.

Soleimani's death is a huge loss for Iran's regime and its Iraqi proxies. It also is a major operational and psychological victory for the United States.

The strong U.S. military response and demonstrated intelligence capacity to identify, track and target Soleimani's movements should bolster U.S. deterrence of Iranian aggression in the long run, although Iran is likely to escalate attacks in Iraq and elsewhere in the immediate aftermath of the strike. But as Secretary of Defense Mark Esper said before the U.S. strike: "The game has changed." Washington will no longer tolerate attacks by Iran-backed proxy groups without inflicting a heavy price, not only on them, but on Iran, which historically has acted with impunity by conducting a shadow war through surrogates.

This policy of holding Tehran accountable for the attacks of its proxies was announced by the White House in a 2018 statement, after Iranian-backed Iraqi militias attacked American diplomatic facilities in Iraq:

"Over the past few days, we have seen life-threatening attacks in Iraq, including on the United States Consulate in Basra and against the American Embassy compound in Baghdad. Iran did not act to stop these attacks by its proxies in Iraq, which it has supported with funding, training, and weapons.

"The United States will hold the regime in Tehran accountable for any attack that results in injury to our personnel or damage to United States government facilities. America will respond swiftly and decisively in defense of American lives."

Trump has repeatedly warned Iranian leaders about the potential consequences of attacks on Americans. It should be no surprise that he enforced his own "red line."

The successful strike against Soleimani is a powerful message to Iranian leaders that their old tactics of "fighting to the last Iraqi" in a shadow war against the U.S. now entail many more risks and costs. If sustained over time, that could alter their cost-benefit calculus and lead them to moderate their hostile and aggressive policies.

In short, the conflict with Iran will continue, but World War III is not imminent.

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John Lewis, conscience of the nation

Leonard Pitts

My favorite picture of John Lewis is a mugshot.

It's from Mississippi in 1961, one of the earliest of an eventual 40-plus arrests he would undergo in the cause of freedom. Facing the state penitentiary in Parchman, Mississippi, and the many hells that portended for a black man in the Jim Crow South, Lewis looked into the camera ... and smiled.

He smirked, actually, as if feeling renewed, even cocky, in his determination to make America live up to its ideals. I asked him about that picture once. The word he used was "liberated." From his very first arrest, he said, "I felt free."

The struggle to make America act like America has never ended. And Lewis, now a 79-year-old congressman from Georgia, has never been far from the center of the struggle. For this, he is often called the conscience of the nation, the man who reminds us what it is we're supposed to be.

That reminder feels poignant in the wake of news that Lewis has been diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer. "I have been in some kind of fight – for freedom, equality, basic human rights – for nearly my entire life," he said in a statement. "I have never faced a fight quite like the one I have now."

Indeed.

Survival rates for the disease – game show host Alex Trebek is also fighting it – are daunting, and Lewis said that, while he is "clear-eyed" about his prognosis, "I have decided to do what I know to do and do what I have always done: I am going to fight it and keep fighting for the Beloved Community."

First Rep. Elijah Cummings, now this. There is an unavoidable sense that the universe is not playing fair. And one feels, too, the chill wind of an imperative. "Let us now praise righteous men," it says. "While we still can."

Cummings, you will recall, died in October. Like Lewis, he was a man of palpable faith in what America is supposed to be. "When we're dancing with the angels," he famously said, "the question will be asked: In 2019, what did we do to make sure we kept our democracy intact?"

Now he's up in some celestial disco, now Lewis is stricken and the grief you feel is not just for them, but for us, for the idea of what America is supposed to be. What becomes of an idea when no one believes in it anymore?

That's hyperbolic, yes. Obviously, there are still believers. The people in those squalid camps on our southern border are proof of that. But the camps themselves are proof that we are living through a drought of righteousness. Worse, we are living through a time of unrighteousness ascendant, brazen and ostentatious, with truth not simply under siege, but fully beside the point.

In the White House, war drums rumble as troops are deployed for dubious cause. In the Senate, preparations are openly made to rig an impeachment trial. Meantime, Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., tweets an image of Barack Obama shaking hands with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, a man he had never met. Called out on this lie, Gosar replies that he never said the image "wasn't photoshopped." He has the nerve to sound indignant.

This is not the way Americans are supposed to be.

No, this is the behavior of those whose interests are purely selfish. But Cummings and Lewis held – and hold – stubbornly to a larger something, an ideal which begins, "We the people ..." And if that feels dated and overly sentimental, it nevertheless appeals, doesn't it, to something in our cynical souls, some national fable we once knew but have long since forgot?

It's that something that made Lewis smirk at the camera, like he knew something so many other Americans did not.

And you know something? He did.

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Prime Time TV

SATURDAY EVENING JAN. 11

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Conners	The Conners	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	20/20 CC	
CBS 2 3 22	The NFL Today (N)	NFL Football TBA at Baltimore Ravens. AFC divisional round. (N) (L) CC					
NBC 5 8 16	NFL Football	Ellen's Game of Games CC		Dateline NBC CC		Saturday Night Live "Harry Styles" (N)	
FOX 17 22 28 32	To Be Announced	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell		Deputy Bill refuses to stay out of the field.		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Lawrence Welk	Antiques Roadshow (Part 1 of 3) CC		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	Keep-Appear	Keep-Appear
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	News	Cops CC
MNT 50	Graham Bensinger	Dateline CC		Dateline CC		Dateline CC	
WCIU 26	2 Broke Girls	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers
WHME 45	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Hearts Run Free"		Murdoch Mysteries CC (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries "Master Lovecraft"	
WGN 9	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	:06 Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 01.11.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	Ghostbusters	★★ Jack the Giant Slayer ('13, Fantasy) Nicholas Hoult, Eleanor Tomlinson. (P). CC					Night Museum
Animal	Pit Bulls	Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		:02 The Vet Life (N)	
BET	Django	★★★ Creed ('15, Drama) Michael B. Jordan. CC					
Big Ten	College Hockey				B1G	B1G	B1G
Bravo	5:00 Movie	★★★ Pretty Woman ('90, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. CC					Pretty Woman
Cartoon	Apple	Dragon	Dragon	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	6:15 ★★ Paul	★★ The Ruins ('08) Jonathan Tucker, Jena Malone. CC			:35 ★★ Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ('18) Chris Pratt.		
CMT	Movie	Movie CC					
CNBC	Boss	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
CNN	Newsr'm	CNN Newsroom		United Shades		United Shades	
Comedy	:00 ★ Joe Dirt ('01) CC			★★ Tommy Boy ('95) Chris Farley.			
Discovery	:00 Moonshiners	Moonshiners "Enemy at the Gates" CC		Moonshiners (N) CC			
Disney	Raven	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Hawaii	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers
E!	:00 ★★★ Wedding Crashers ('05)				He's Just Not That Into You		
ESPN	Basket	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)				Boxing	
ESPN2	Basket	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)				College Basketball	
ESPNC	6:00 Tennis					Tennis	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	Life	Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Bulls at Pistons				Pistons Live (N)		Spotlight
Freefrm	:40 ★★★ Iron Man ('08) Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard. A billionaire dons an armored suit to fight criminals. CC						Capt. America
FX	Spider-Man	★★★ Baby Driver ('17, Action) Ansel Elgort, Kevin Spacey, Lily James. CC					American Made
Golf	:00 PGA Tour Golf Sony Open in Hawaii, Third Round. (N) (L)						Central
Hallmark	:00 Winter in Vail ('20, Drama) Lacey Chabert. CC			Love in Winterland ('20) Chad Michael Murray, Italia Ricci. (P). CC			
HBO	Day-Tomorrow	★★★ John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum ('19) Keanu Reeves. (P). CC				:11 Westworld "The Original" CC	
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens: Declassified CC					
HGTV	Love-List	Beach	Beach	Carib	Carib	Bahamas	Bahamas
Learning	Say Yes	Say Yes to the Dress (N) CC				Say Yes, Dress	
Lifetime	Psycho Ex-Girl.	Psycho Nurse ('19, Suspense) Lyndon Smith, Abbie Cobb. (P). CC				:03 The Psycho She Met Online ('17)	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Bulls at Pistons				Postgame	NHL Hockey	
NFL	NFL GameDay High.		GameDay	GameDay	GameDay	GameDay	GameDay
Nick	Loud	Henry	Casagran	Most Musical Family		Friends	Friends
NGEO	Lock	Lockdown CC		Lockdown: On		Lockdown CC	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped A young mother is murdered.		Snapped "Roxanne Buck" CC		Snapped A clash with two roommates.	
Parmt	:00 ★★★ Friday ('95)			★★ Next Friday ('00) Ice Cube. CC			
Showtime	Shameless	★★ Mile 22 ('18) Mark Wahlberg, Lauren Cohan. CC			:35 ★★ El Chicano ('18, Action) Raúl Castillo. CC		
Starz	5:53 ★★ XXX	★★ Men in Black: International ('19) Chris Hemsworth, Tessa Thompson. CC				9:57 ★★ Barbershop ('02) CC	
STZENC	5:48 Apollo 13	:10 ★★ Footloose ('84, Drama) Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer, John Lithgow. CC					Spartacus: Vengeance "Sacramentum"
SyFy	:31 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ('05) Daniel Radcliffe. Voldemort lays a trap for Harry at the Triwizard Tournament. CC (DVS)						
TBS	:00 ★★ Horrible Bosses ('11) Jason Bateman. CC (DVS)			Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Ride-High Ctry	★★★★ Rashomon ('50, Drama) Toshirô Mifune, Machiko Kyo, Masayuki Mori.				★★ The Outrage ('64) CC	
TMC	6:30 ★★ Den of Thieves ('18) Gerard Butler. CC			★ Attack of the Killer Donuts ('16) Kayla Compton. CC			Primal Rage
TNT	Dark Knt	★★★ It ('17, Horror) Jaeden Lieberher. CC (DVS)					
Travel	My Horror	Portals to Hell CC		Portals to Hell CC		Haunted Hospitals	
TV Land	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
VH1	:00 ★★ Lottery Ticket ('10) CC				★★★ Baby Boy ('01)		
WGN-A	:00 Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods "Age of Innocence" CC		Blue Bloods "Silver Star" CC		Blue Bloods Danny witnesses a murder.	

Absence from guest list hurts old friend of groom's mother

DEAR ABBY: I have had a friend, "Kimberly," for 52 years, ever since first grade. We went all through school together. Teachers described her as a "social butterfly." My dad described her as a "phony." She's an extrovert with a nice personality and many friends. I am more of an introvert, but I do have a few good friends. We are both happily married with children and grandchildren.

I moved from our hometown 28 years ago, but we have stayed in contact. Kim will call me on my birthday, etc. We talk on the phone every few months and meet for lunch when I go back to visit. She refers to me as her "oldest and dearest friend."

I invited Kim to all four of my children's weddings. She didn't attend, but sent gifts. (Kim has anxiety and doesn't like to travel.) When her older son got married two years ago, I wasn't invited, but I sent a generous gift. Now, her younger son is being married, and again, I'm not invited.

I'd like to share in Kim's joy. There are people attending I'd like to see. I feel like a fool. Do you think my dad was right about Kim? Am I on her "C" list when I thought I was "A"-rated? I feel like a 12-year-old who was excluded from a slumber party. Should I tell her how hurt I am or continue the next 20 years in this "phony" relationship? – Sucker-punched In Kansas

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR SUCKER-PUNCHED: Do NOT quietly nurture a grudge that may end your long friendship with Kim. Have a talk with your old friend about your feelings. Depending upon who has footed the bill for these shindigs, you may be blaming the wrong person.

Traditionally, the bride's parents pay for their daughter's wedding; more recently, the happy couples pay for it themselves. For financial reasons, they may have needed to curtail the guest list, which is why you weren't invited. Also, the young couple may have preferred to include more of their own friends, which limited the number of invitations the groom's parents could issue.

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior citizen who lives alone. I was married many years ago, but it ended in divorce. I was unable to conceive a child.

My brothers and sisters all have spouses and children. I am an aunt to many. My problem? The children don't call me "Aunt" anymore. When they were little, it gave me such warm feelings to be called Aunt or Auntie. It made me feel loved and respected. Now that they are grown with kids of their own, they call me by my first name.

Am I silly to be bothered by this? These same nieces and nephews still call their parents "Mom" and "Dad." I called my own aunts by the title well into my 50s until they died. Abby, am I old-fashioned to want to keep my title in a world where respect seems to be a thing of the past? – Forever Auntie In Minnesota

DEAR AUNTIE: I don't think you are silly, and whether you are old-fashioned (or not) is beside the point. Tell your nieces and nephews how much you appreciated being called "Aunt," and ask them to resume using the title. If you had a close relationship with them while they were growing up, I am sure they will respect your wish – especially when you tell them why.

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Husband's family fails to show up for son's wedding

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My son recently got married out of state and my sisters- and brothers-in-law did not attend.

My husband and I are so devastated, disappointed and frankly insulted. My son is the youngest and last of all the cousins to get married. My husband and I have attended many, many bridal showers, weddings, baby showers, christenings, birthday parties, etc.

My sisters- and brothers-in-law travel by air frequently, and have the financial means to attend, yet they chose not to. My son was embarrassed and hurt that his aunts and uncles were not there. My husband is appalled at his siblings' behavior.

Now the brothers- and sisters-in-law want to go out for brunch and hear all about the wedding. We are not in the mood to socialize with them. What do we say and do? – Insulted

DEAR INSULTED: Someone needs to tell them you're hurt. Your husband, I'd say.

Not accusatory, just plain: "I have mixed feelings about brunch. I'm hurt none of you came to the wedding. I understand things come up, but this was a sweep – and we've gone out of our way for years to celebrate weddings, showers, birthdays. With pleasure, of course, because I love you all. I'm just stuck on the fact that not one of you showed up for my son."

Simple, clear, fair. Practiced beforehand so emotions don't turn it into an accusation. It's best said to the emotionally closest sib, ideally as a prelude to the honest conversation necessary to moving forward.

Carolyn Hax

I feel I should add, since I have about a 1.000 average on advising against taking personal offense when someone doesn't attend an event: Stuff happens.

But when you go 0-fer on the people you've shown up for faithfully for years, and when your feelings about that are now impeding your relationship with these people, that clears the threshold for saying something.

Plus, if you just say no to brunch and disengage with this entire family, then they'll never have a chance to make things right.

DEAR CAROLYN: I don't think my husband is an alcoholic – he doesn't drink every day or even every other. But sometimes when he does imbibe, he seems like a different person, and he always feels bad the next day.

He's more belligerent and totally unable to read other people's cues, which can embarrass me.

I don't want to be in charge of him, I don't want to get a divorce – so much about our marriage is really wonderful. I don't like it, and he knows that. And he doesn't like it. So now what? – Embarrassed

DEAR EMBARRASSED: A person doesn't need to have alcoholism to be a problem drinker. Your husband has two serious warning signs: personality change while drinking, and regrets afterward.

Either one is enough to warrant an inquiry with his primary care physician, so please urge him to go.

There are different options for treatment with problem drinking, each with a constituency that swears by it, so get your information from reputable sources – more than one.

This is a straightforward place for you to start reading so you can know what to expect: www.niaaa.nih.gov.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Gregory Hines' dance style
4 Choose
7 Dixie fighter
10 Kimono sash
11 Out in front
13 Previous
14 "Friends" network
15 Coffee and steamed milk
16 Lb. or tsp.
17 Less trying
19 Some parents
21 Tpk.
22 Strut along
23 Decaf brand
26 Apollo's twin
30 Three, in Madrid
31 Pablo's aunt
32 Not hither
33 Want-ad letters
34 MS polishers
35 "— Karenina"
36 Sea cow
39 Firm grip
40 Kind of steer?
41 Gleeful cry
42 Tilting match
45 Pulverized
49 Website suffix
50 Less modern
53 Freud topic
54 Lassie
55 Apple-shaped
56 Scold
57 Stallone nickname
58 Sturm — Drang
59 Work of exaltation

DOWN
1 Muscle quality
2 Mr. Eban
3 Snapshots
4 Windy City airport
5 Cat or canary
6 Trim a doily
7 Gather in, as crops
8 Funny Bombeck
9 Wagers
11 Prince Val's wife
12 Bus station
18 Ticks off
20 Gorilla
22 Bikini tops
23 Mushroom part
24 Geometry problem
25 Inert gas
26 Office assistant
27 Gabby bird
28 Charged particles
29 Break
31 Bristle with
35 "Woe is me!"
37 Situps strengthen them
38 Teach privately
39 Leafy vegetable
41 Revise
42 Keeps fit
43 Uttered
44 Ill-favored
46 Deli sandwich
47 Major Hoople's word
48 Venetian ruler
51 Singer — Rawls
52 Drab color

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Jumble

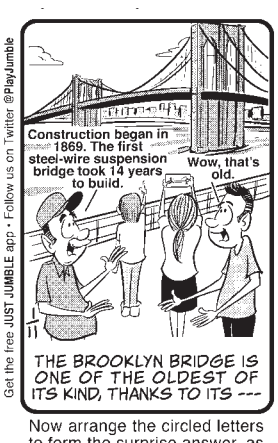
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GOYFG

AYNNN

LWSOYL

TPTIEE


Construction began in 1869. The first steel-wire suspension bridge took 14 years to build.
Wow, that's old.
THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE IS ONE OF THE OLDEST OF ITS KIND, THANKS TO ITS ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AMAZE AFTER HYPHEN CONCUR
Answer: Running a marathon was invented by the — HUMAN RACE

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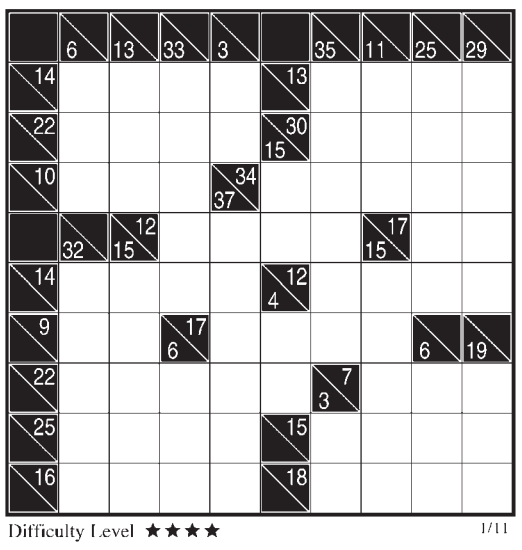
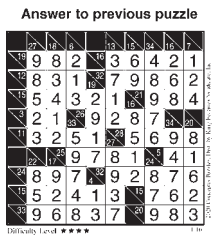


Difficulty Level ★★★★ 1/11

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Answer to previous puzzle



Bridge

Ambrose Bierce, in "The Devil's Dictionary," defined philosophy as a route of many roads leading from nowhere to nothing.

So, bridge players must not be philosophical. On each deal, they need a single-lane route that leads to the number of tricks needed to make or break the contract.

In this deal with nasty shocks around every turn, how can South make seven diamonds after West leads the heart queen?

In the auction, two clubs was natural and game-forcing. Three hearts, three spades and four clubs were control-bids. In answer to Roman Key Card Blackwood, South showed two key cards, the diamond queen (five spades) and the club king (six clubs).

When the dummy came down, South saw that seven no-trump was an immediate claim. But he did not let that distract him. He wondered how to survive if diamonds were 4-0 and clubs 5-0. Somehow, he had to unblock clubs by discarding the ace and king. One could go on the spade ace, but what about the other?

South spotted that a dummy reversal was the way to go. He discarded a club (vital) from dummy at trick one. He crossed to the board with a trump, cashed the spade ace (discarding the club king), ruffed a spade, returned to dummy with a trump, ruffed another spade and drew West's last two trumps, pitching the club ace on the second. Then declarer took the last six tricks with dummy's clubs.

North 01-11-20
♠ A 10 7
♥ —
♦ A K J 7
♣ Q J 10 9 8 7

West
♠ Q 9 6 5 2
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ 6 4 3 2
♣ —

East
♠ K J 8 4 3
♥ K 7 5
♦ —
♣ 6 5 4 3 2

South
♠ —
♥ A 8 6 4 3 2
♦ Q 10 9 8 5
♣ A K

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	7♦	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

			7	4		1		
2		1			6	7		
				1			2	
5		7					1	
3				9				8
	6					4		9
	3			7				
		9	4			8		3
		6		8	9			

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

8	3	6	9	5	1	4	7	2
5	2	4	6	7	8	9	3	1
9	1	7	4	3	2	8	5	6
1	7	3	2	6	4	5	8	9
4	6	5	8	9	7	2	1	3
2	8	9	5	1	3	7	6	4
6	4	1	7	8	9	3	2	5
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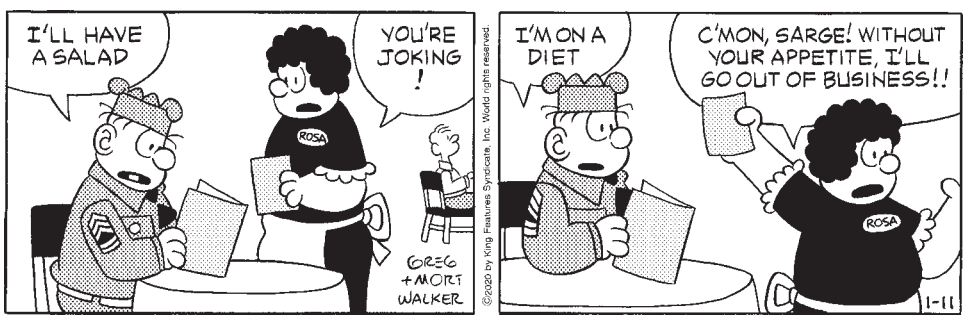
BEETLE BAILEY


I'LL HAVE A SALAD
YOU'RE JOKING!
ROSA
GREG + MORT WALKER
I'M ON A DIET
C'MON, SARGE! WITHOUT YOUR APPETITE, I'LL GO OUT OF BUSINESS!!
ROSA
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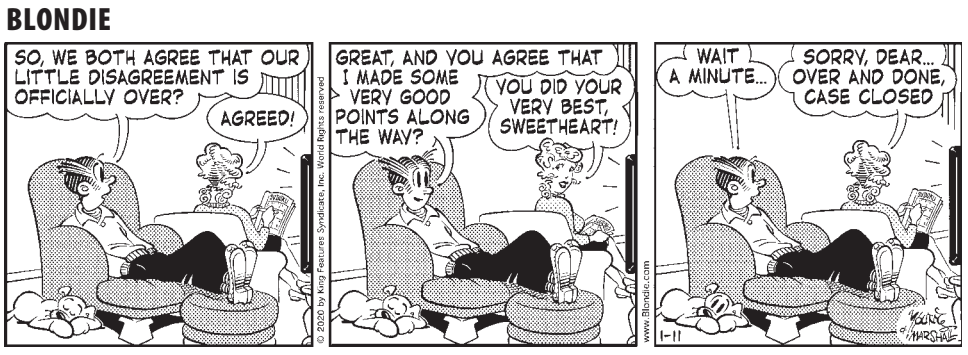
SO, WE BOTH AGREE THAT OUR LITTLE DISAGREEMENT IS OFFICIALLY OVER?
AGREED!
GREAT, AND YOU AGREE THAT I MADE SOME VERY GOOD POINTS ALONG THE WAY?
YOU DID YOUR VERY BEST, SWEETHEART!
WAIT A MINUTE...
SORRY, DEAR... OVER AND DONE, CASE CLOSED
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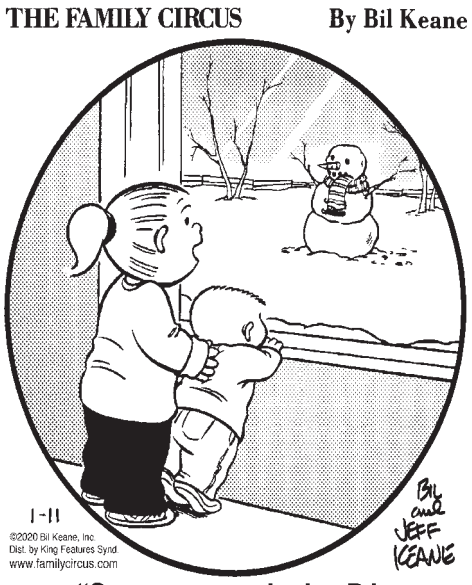
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Snowmen are lucky, PJ. They only hafta work in the wintertime."

DENNIS THE MENACE

HI & LOIS

I GOT A FOOTLONG SUB WE CAN EAT WHILE WE WATCH THE GAME.
SORRY, I'M ON A DIET.
ERIC DANIELS
HiandLois.com
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OK...GIVE ME THREE INCHES.
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BABY BLUES

SO APPARENTLY I'M A YOUTUBE SENSATION.
I HEARD
babyblues.com
PEOPLE LIKED WHAT I HAD TO SAY! I COULD BE A SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER!
ALL I NEED IS A REASON TO HOLLER AT MY KID EVERY DAY.
WE'RE SITTING ON A GOLD MINE!
I'M GOING TO NEED A CUT OF THE ACTION.
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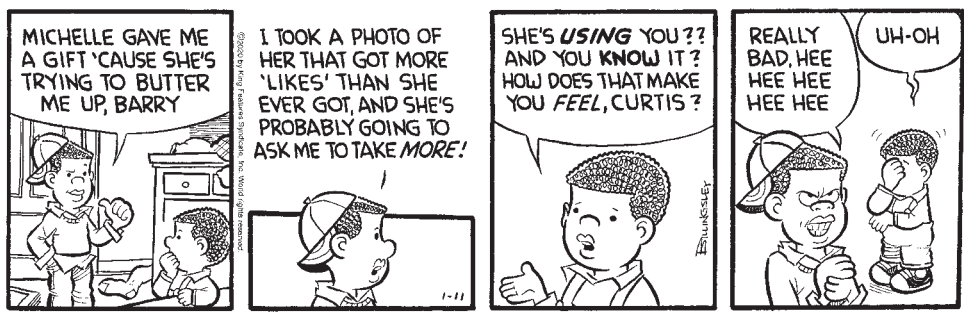
MICHELLE GAVE ME A GIFT 'CAUSE SHE'S TRYING TO BUTTER ME UP, BARRY
I TOOK A PHOTO OF HER THAT GOT MORE 'LIKES' THAN SHE EVER GOT, AND SHE'S PROBABLY GOING TO ASK ME TO TAKE MORE!
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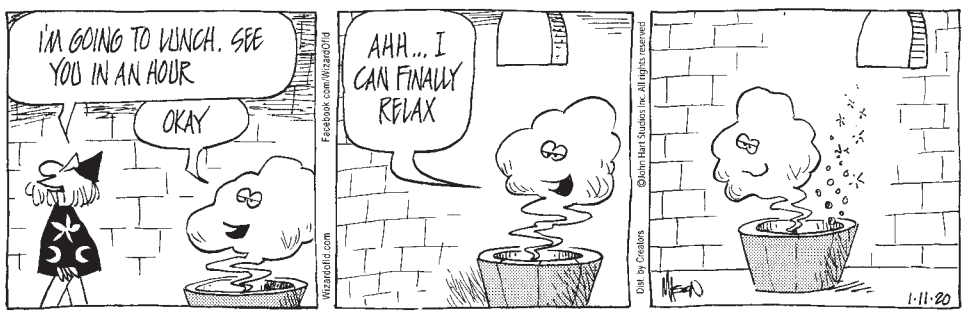
SHE'S USING YOU?? AND YOU KNOW IT? HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL, CURTIS?
BRUNSELL
REALLY BAD, HEE HEE HEE HEE
UH-OH

WIZARD OF ID



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HOW WAS THE RATFISH CONCERT, JEREMY?
IT GOT CANCELED.
WE SPENT MOST OF THE NIGHT STUFFING OURSELVES WITH SUGAR AND CAFFEINE WHILE DRIVING THROUGH A SNOWSTORM!
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ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU GUYS DO EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT?
YEAH, BUT THE SNOW-STORM MADE IT FRESH.
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DILBERT

OUR NEW STRATEGY IS TO MAKE GREAT PRODUCTS AND SELL THEM AT A FAIR PRICE.
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WHAT WAS OUR OLD STRATEGY?
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I'D RATHER NOT SAY.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

THERE! IT'S FIXED! BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!
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GEE, THANKS
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BROOMHILDA

GARFIELD

WELCOME ONCE AGAIN...
TO "THE OBEDIENT CAT SHOW"
STARRING ABSOLUTELY NO ONE
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

FORT KNOX

MY RUSSIAN GIRLFRIEND BROKE UP WITH ME.
WHAT HAPPENED??
HEART BURN
SHE MET SOMEONE ELSE.
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT.
ME TOO... BUT I PLAN TO GET HER BACK.
BY FLYING TO RUSSIA?
FLY CHEAP
BY RAISING MY CREDIT LIMIT.
MAKE IT RAIN $
CASH OUT
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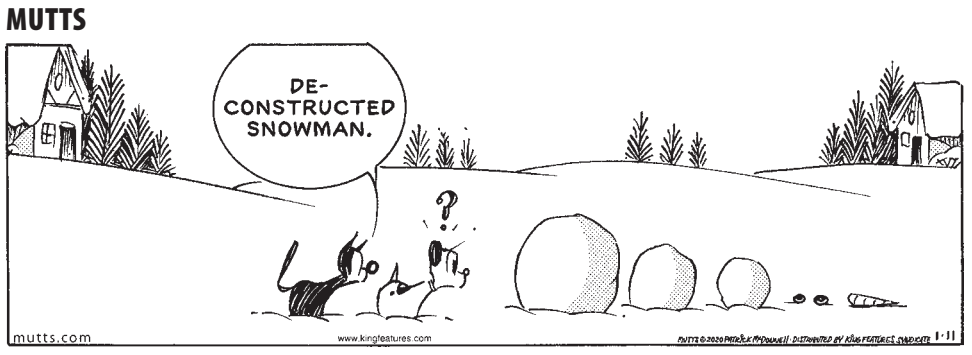

PICKLES

HOW ARE YOU TODAY, EARL?
ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD.
WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
WHO KNOWS?
I'M TIRED OF THINKING OF THINGS TO SAY ALL THE TIME, SO NOW I ONLY REPLY TO QUESTIONS WITH CLICHES.
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THAT'S STUPID.
IGNORANCE IS BLISS.
picklescomic.com

SALLY FORTH

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE COLOR?
UM...I GUESS THIS COULD BE AN ACCENT WALL.
YEAH, I'LL GET THE PRIMER SO WE CAN START OVER.
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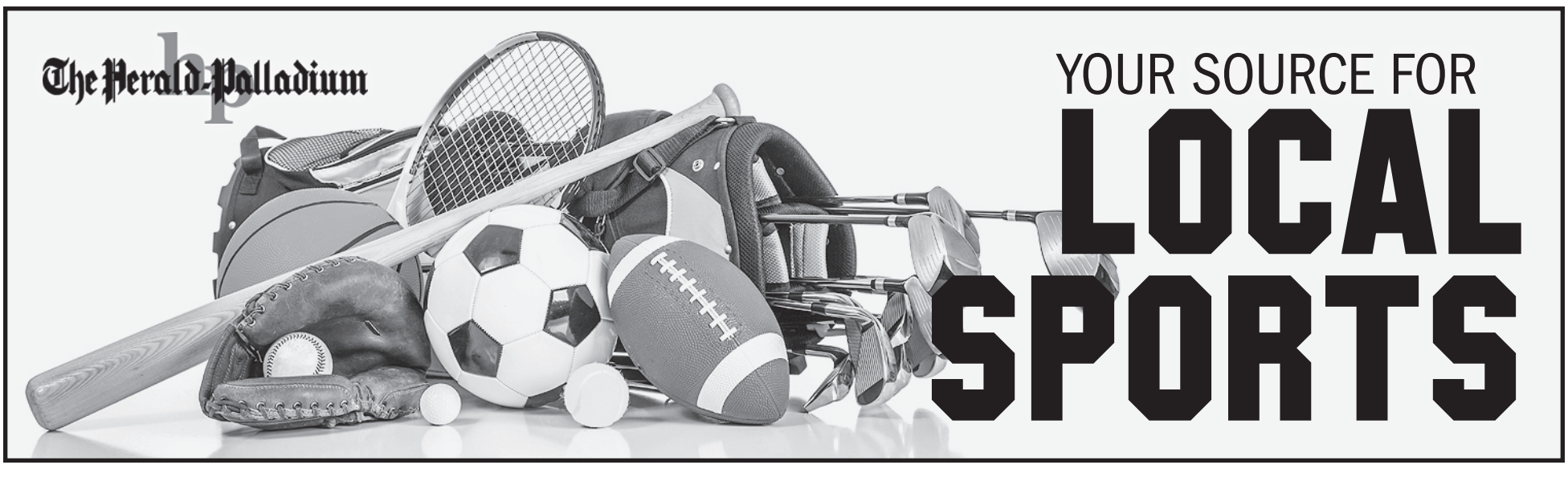

Kristen Stewart can't save 'Underwater' from sinking

Mark Kennedy
Movie Review

Welcome to January, which, in terms of quality movies, is the worst, the lowest, the abyss.

Actually, that's pretty accurate when it comes to the latest, straight-to-January release "Underwater," which steals from "The Abyss" and many other movies like "Alien" and even "Godzilla."

The filmmakers started with an overused thriller cliche – trapped workers far from home, often in space. This time they're deep under the waves. Then disaster strikes, forcing them out. Then a monster or two are added. Everyone making it hopes all the suckers (sorry, viewers) never saw "The Abyss," "The Rift," "Sphere," "The Rig" or half a dozen other films that plow the same field.

"Underwater" certainly isn't as bad as it could have been, but it is leaking badly long before it reaches its limp conclusion, despite strong work by Kristen Stewart doing her best impression of Sigourney Weaver in "Aliens."

Following a mercifully short scene-setting sequence, Stewart and a ragtag group of deep-sea miners find themselves the only survivors among an original 316-person crew when an earthquake rocks their sprawling underwater station 7 miles below the Pacific Ocean.

The pressure down there is 8 tons per square inch and its firmly pressing down on Stewart to save this film. Along for the harrowing ride is Vincent Cassel as the rig captain, Jessica Henwick as a marine biology researcher and two tech guys played by John Gallagher Jr. and T.J. Miller. The role Miller has assumed is also the wiseguy jokester, but he manages to land not a single funny line.

Alan Markfield / Twentieth Century Fox / AP
Kristen Stewart is shown in a scene from "Underwater."

You know the drill here: Don't get too close to any of these characters. Not all are going to make it. They have to move fast in knee-deep water through tunnels and across the ocean floor with fast-depleting oxygen. Oh, by the way, the drilling seems to have awoken mysterious sea beasts.

Director William Eubank keeps the action taut and the look of the film is realistically impressive and dark, with grimy, dirty workers donning cool dive suits that make them each look like Transformers.

His camera often goes tight on the shocked faces inside the helmets. Stewart, in particular, shines with a combination of steely nerves and harrowing expressions. She also spends a suspiciously large amount of time in her underwear.

Alas, the pretty cool special effects break down when it comes to the monsters, which resemble Swamp Things bred with Olive Garden calamari. When they are just glimpses, they're terrifying. The filmmakers should have left them in shadows.

'Underwater'

★ ★
(out of 4 stars)

Starring: Kristen Stewart, T.J. Miller, Jessica Henwick, John Gallagher Jr., Vincent Cassel

Directed by: William Eubank

Written by: Brian Duffield and Adam Cozad

Running time: 95 minutes

Rated: PG-13
(for sci-fi action and terror, and brief strong language)

The screenplay does try to reach for depth in this disaster-monster hybrid by wondering if humans messing with Mother Nature is the cause of such misery. "We did this!" the marine biology researcher screams. "We took too much! We're not supposed to be down here!" But that's as deep (sorry) as the filmmakers go.

Stewart begins the film in a melancholic mood – "There's a comfort to cynicism. There's a lot less to lose," she wonders – and ends her odyssey triumphant, hopeful and certain. But she missed all those emergency computer announcements along the way that warned her film was in trouble: "Structural failure imminent! Structural failure imminent!"

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Jordan, Foxx shine in urgent drama 'Just Mercy'

Mark Kennedy
Movie Review

There's usually one film that tops lists whenever powerful legal thrillers are debated – "To Kill a Mockingbird," set in the 1930s.

Now comes a film showing how little has changed since then, based on a murder in the same Alabama town where Harper Lee wrote her masterpiece.

"Just Mercy" is the real story of civil rights attorney Bryan Stevenson and his fight to keep an innocent black man from being executed. It is urgent, searing and powerful, led by a first-rate cast. Though it portrays events more than 25 years ago, it is very much a film of 2019.

Michael B. Jordan portrays Stevenson, who founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal organization that has successfully challenged the death row convictions of more than 130 inmates. Earlier this year, he was the subject of HBO's film "True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality."

Stevenson has been a dogged fighter for justice, someone Archbishop Desmond Tutu once called "America's Mandela." When Starbucks was faced with a racially charged uproar over the arrest of two black men at one of its stores in Philadelphia, it turned to Stevenson for advice.

The film follows one of his first cases, that of Walter McMillian, a black pulpwood worker sentenced to death for the 1986 fatal shooting of an 18-year-old white woman. Stevenson was able to prove that a key witness had lied and prosecutors withheld important evidence.

McMillian is played by Jamie Foxx and it is his best work in years, raw, soulful and honest. Tim Blake Nelson, as the key witness, also turns in a stunning performance, as does Rob Morgan playing a death row inmate. Brie Larson as Stevenson's assistant is unflashy and strong. Jordan is the calm, quiet anchor of the film, his kind eyes radiating pathos.

In a pivotal scene, Foxx's character asks Stevenson why a Harvard-trained attorney has come down to the South and risked violence to do this legal work.

"I know what it's like to be the shadows," Stevenson responds. "That's why I'm doing this."

Destin Daniel Cretton directed the film from a screenplay he co-wrote with Andrew Lanham, based on Stevenson's best-selling 2014 memoir. Stevenson is also an executive producer, and that ensures he's illuminated in the best light.

So if there's one weakness in the film, it's that it sometimes veers into hagiography. The naturalism of the cinematography and acting sometimes clashes with dialogue that seems overly polished.

"I just want to help people," Jordan says at one point. "I just have to figure out how." In another scene, Foxx declares to his attorney: "I got my truth back. You gave that to me."

The film at times follows other great courtroom dramas that build to a emotional conclusion such as "My Cousin Vinny" and "A Few Good Men" but "Just Mercy" has larger and deeper social issues constantly swirling, including criminal justice reform, the death penalty and racial profiling. If ever there was an example of how film can slide from entertainment to advocacy, this is it.

With the exception of Larson and a young corrections officer, no white characters come across as anything but venal and Alabama is portrayed as a place where African Americans are "guilty the moment you're born."

While it ends on a happy note, you cry for all those generations of people railroaded into a cell. "Just Mercy" is not always an easy film to watch, but it is necessary.

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Jake Netter / Warner Bros. Pictures / AP
Jamie Foxx is shown in a scene from "Just Mercy."

'Just Mercy'

★ ★ ★
(out of 4 stars)

Starring: Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Foxx, Brie Larson, Rafe Spall and Tim Blake Nelson

Directed by: Destin Daniel Cretton

Written by: Destin Daniel Cretton and Andrew Lanham

Running time: 136 minutes

Rated: PG-13
(for thematic content, including some racial epithets)

Francois Duhamel / Universal Pictures / AP
George MacKay, at center, is shown in a scene from "1917."

A technical feat, '1917' is great storytelling, too

Jocelyn Noveck
Movie Review

It's been a good time for World War I buffs – especially if they're also movie buffs. A year ago director Peter Jackson applied state-of-the-art technology to century-old war footage to bring the Great War alive with sudden, stunning immediacy in his documentary "They Shall Not Grow Old."

And now, in the feature film "1917," another of our most talented directors, Sam Mendes, has similarly taken top technology – and the best cinematography, courtesy of Roger Deakins – to give us a different, equally compelling look at that cruel war, through the eyes of two ordinary soldiers asked to perform an extraordinary task.

The special sauce here, which you may have heard about: "1917" appears as if it were shot in one seamless take – or two, if you include one spot where it seems clear a break probably occurred. Actually, there are dozens of cuts, but they're ingeniously hidden by editor Lee Smith, and the longest continuous shot is only about eight minutes.

Yes, it's a dazzling technical feat. One could also consider it a gimmick, or at least a method that threatens to distract the viewer's attention. But that ignores the fact that this very filmmaking style is also hugely effective at delivering this particular story, in the most visceral way possible.

It's a tale – inspired by stories Mendes heard from his own grandfather, who fought as a teenager – of two frightened young men, utterly unprepared for what they're asked to do. And really, who was prepared? These were boys.

If in Jackson's documentary the most sobering sight of all was those frightened faces, many belonging to teens who'd lied about their youth to enlist, these shellshocked faces come alive here in the form of lance corporals Schofield and Blake – George MacKay and Dean-Charles Chapman, relative newcomers chosen to enforce the idea that these were unremarkable, ordinary men.

The action begins in the afternoon of April 6, 1917, in northern France. Schofield and Blake are resting under a tree when a commanding officer orders Blake to "pick a man and bring your kit" – it's not clear why. Blake enlists Schofield, and the two men head to the trench. As they walk, the camera gradually pans wider and we see a field full of soldiers, more and more of them, resting, talking, doing their laundry.

In the trench, General Erinmore (Colin Firth) describes their mission. It's immediately clear why Blake was chosen. His older brother is part of a battalion planning to attack the Germans, believed to be retreating, the next morning.

But the men – 1,600 of them – are heading into a trap, and will suffer catastrophic losses unless they can be stopped. The enemy has cut off all communications. "They have no idea what they're in for," says Erinmore, tersely.

The mission: to venture out into No Man's Land and make the daunting journey on foot to warn the battalion, waiting in the woods near the town of Ecoust. Their only supplies: maps, torches, grenades, a little food and their kits – oh, and a flare pistol given to them by Lt. Leslie, commander of the Yorks, who seems fairly sure the lads won't make it back alive.

'1917'

★ ★ ★ ★
(out of 4 stars)

Starring: Dean-Charles Chapman, George MacKay, Daniel Mays, Colin Firth and Pip Carter

Directed by: Sam Mendes

Written by: Sam Mendes and Krysty Wilson-Cairns

Running time: 119 minutes

Rated: R
(for violence, some disturbing images and language)

As they climb out of the trenches and head into perilous territory – abandoned and desolate, piled with corpses of men and horses – they get to know each other better. Blake, the younger at 19, is chatty, humorous, good with maps and always at the ready with an amusing anecdote. He's also starry-eyed about battlefield glory, and aspires to a medal.

Schofield, a few years older with a bit more experience, is less talkative, more stoic and also more cynical. He won a medal but traded it for a bottle of French wine.

We travel with these two young men as they traverse a hellish landscape, sometimes stepping on bloated bodies or running into a sun-bleached skeleton or burned corpse encased in barbed wire, with the camera usually following just behind as we share this real-time adventure. We're drawn into a recently abandoned German trench, where the men marvel at how even the enemy's rats are bigger and stronger. They survive explosions, nearly get hit by a crashing plane suddenly plummeting into the screen, and suffer a horrible setback at one point on the journey.

Both young actors are hugely appealing. MacKay in particular delivers a breakout performance that somehow feels both contemporary and timeless. You could call his Schofield a reluctant hero, but that doesn't seem to sufficiently capture the essence of a young man who didn't choose his fate – "Why did you choose me?" he rails at Blake at one point – but slowly and surely rises to the occasion with determination and assurance born of utter necessity. You may not soon forget MacKay's face.

You also won't soon forget a moment of sheer beauty that suddenly materializes amid the terror: A ruined French town at night, floodlit against the dark sky by a raging fire in the distance, while the score by Thomas Newman soars. There's also a climactic visual sequence that takes the breath away – to say any more would risk revealing too much plot.

By the end, chances are you also won't remember that you began the film trying to outwit the filmmakers and figure out the tricks behind their technical magic. Some good, old-fashioned storytelling magic has taken over. Mendes has done justice to his grandfather's tales.

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hp HOME & GARDEN

In brief

Shoreline Garden Club meets Monday night

STEVENSVILLE — The Shoreline Garden Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Lincoln Township Public Library, 2099 John Beers Road.

Our guest speaker will be Ralph Reitz, staff botanist at Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve.

Reitz has a master's degree in botany from the University of Michigan and a master's degree from Ball State University in natural resources.

The program for the evening will be "Edible Wild Plants for Food and Ornamentation." A business meeting will follow the presentation.

Guests and potential new members are welcome to attend.

For more information, call 235-1783.

Lee Reich / AP

Although peat moss is a useful soil amendment, such as in potting mixes, it is not indispensible.

More sustainable alternatives to using peat moss

By LEE REICH
Associated Press

Peat moss has been a great helper for years, especially with seedlings. It's made our potting mixes better able to hold both water and air, so important for confined roots, and it's helped grab onto some nutrients that would have otherwise washed out the bottom of pots.

Out in the garden, peat has been similarly helpful. It's helped acidify the soil for plants that need it.

I credit peat, in part, with the luscious success of my blueberry bushes. I mixed a bucketful into the planting hole for each bush, and then, for more dramatic acidification, when needed, added sulfur, a naturally occurring mineral.

But Mr. Moss has to go, or at least be curbed. It has to do with where he comes from. Peat moss is unsustainable.

A dark side of peat

Peat moss comes from bogs, those dank environments home to such unique creatures as insect-eating pitcher plants, red-capped and long-necked sandhill cranes, and large heath butterflies.

Peat was formed as plants died and were swallowed up in water to partially decompose. What was left, after thousands of years, was a thick layer of almost pure humus, valuable also for being relatively sterile and relatively stable to further decomposition.

Peat grew very, very slowly, about a yard deep every thousand years.

Now, so much peat moss has been harvested for use in gardens and landscapes that in many places there's not much left. Ninety-five percent of England's bogs have been lost in the last 100 years, much of it burned for fuel.

A peat bog is a unique ecosystem, valuable in and of itself as well as for purifying water flowing through it. Harvesting peat moss destroys that ecosystem, and the supply will be depleted given the slow regeneration rate.

More sustainable approaches

We can temper, to some degree, the bleakness of the above scenario. Researchers have found ways to reclaim a bog ecosystem if only part of the peat layer has been stripped away.

And much of the Earth's peat remains intact. Canada has more than 200 million acres left, or about a quarter of the world's supply.

On the other hand, is peat so indispensable in the garden and landscape? No, it is not!

Are there other materials that could serve as well? Yes, there are.

Compost and leaf mold, for instance, can both be made in your own backyard. Or there's sawdust, shredded bark or wood chips – all renewable resources.

The main contender stepping into peat's shoes is a material called coir dust, or cocopeat. This waste product from the processing of coir, a fiber from coconut husks that finds its way into ropes, baskets, mats, packaging and other products, can now have a useful afterlife making gardens more colorful and productive.

Its characteristics and even appearance are very similar to peat moss. Keep an eye out and ask for products with coir.

It's available, as is peat moss, as part of potting mixes, and also straight-up in a bag or bale.

Neither coir nor the other substitutes for peat moss can necessarily be substituted 1 to 1 for peat. Tweaking of potting mixes is needed.

Then again, coconuts do grow a lot faster than peat.

2020 gardening trends

Think unconventional, sustainable

By DEAN FOSDICK
Associated Press

Dean Fosdick / AP

Growers without a lot of living space increasingly are choosing the dwarf varieties of their favorite plants, like blueberries, making this one of the hottest gardening trends predicted for 2020.

Gardeners in 2020 will veer from the beaten path, opting for unconventional varieties and eco-conscious surroundings, according to a plant trends study by horticulturalists with the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS).

Their forecast is based largely on market observations and feedback from people seeking information from Extension offices.

Interest is strong for native plants, dwarf hybrids, "re-wilding" gardens, edible settings, wildlife-friendly landscapes, dark foliage, succulents, novel greens, landscaping for natural disasters, and softer, leafier floral arrangements, the horticulturists said.

"More and more folks are wanting to think about sustainability," said Mark Tancig, a UF/IFAS agent based in Leon County.

"They're wanting to plant things that don't require as much water or fertilizer," he said. "Plants that resist disease and insects. Plants that provide for wildlife use and need less maintenance and input. That not only saves money, but it looks good, too. It's restorative to the environment."

Breaking down the study's trending top 10:

■ **Native plants:** These plants original to a specific place generally are lower maintenance, requiring less water, pruning and fertilizer.

■ **Dwarf hybrids:** Gardeners without a lot of living space increasingly are choosing the dwarf varieties of their favorite plants. They also require less pruning.

■ **Re-wilding gardens:** To encourage beneficial insects and the health of your garden, allow shrubs to return to their natural shapes, let grass grow longer and permit a few weeds to flower, said Theresa Badurek, horticulture agent for Pinellas County. "Some of those volunteer weeds may be great wildflowers."

■ **Edible settings:** Fruit-bearing plants, ornamental vegetables and edible flowers do double duty, adding beauty as well as nutrition to the home landscape.

■ **Plants for wildlife:** "Most contemporary landscapes lack diversity, so gardeners should choose a variety of plants that flower and fruit," Badurek said. Plants with berries attract birds, and layering plants of varying heights provides hiding places for other species.

■ **Dark foliage:** Plants with red, purple or black leaves are striking additions to any landscape, making them attractive to gardeners looking for something new in 2020, said Marguerite Beckford, a horticulture agent in Sarasota County.

■ **Succulents:** People are reaching out for lesser-known succulents that offer interesting shapes, textures and growth habits, the University of Florida horticulturists say.

■ **Novel greens:** Vegetable gardeners will be looking to diversify their harvests with leafy greens generally grown outside the United States – bok choy, mizuna and komatsuna among them, according to the horticulturists.

■ **Landscaping for natural disasters:** "Storms are becoming more erratic and more feared," Tancig said. "Plant the kinds of trees around your home that reduce risk."

■ **Softer, leafier floral arrangements:** Flowers combined with foliage are gaining in popularity. "We are going away from the bundle bouquet of solitary flower blooms to the soft, organic feel of greenery," said Karen Stauderman, an Extension horticulture agent for Volusia County.

House of the Week

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A welcoming front porch and board-and-batten siding make this home feel classic and stylish. See more images online at www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week.

Timeless curb appeal

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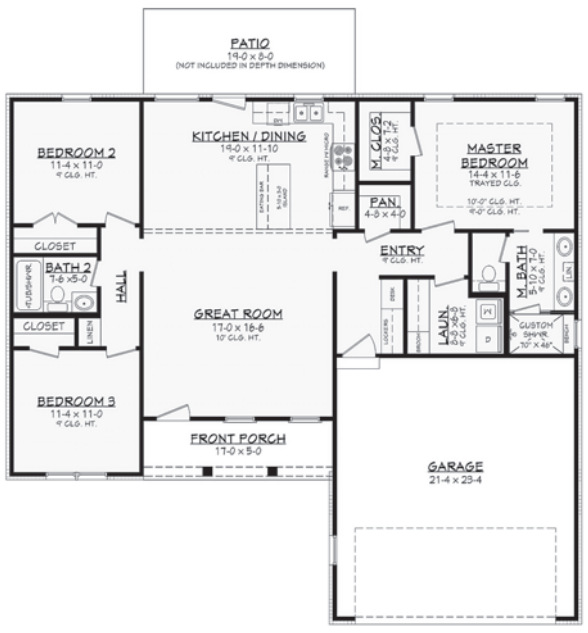

Design number: 430-209
Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 2
Framing: 2-by-4
Square footage: 1,416 square feet
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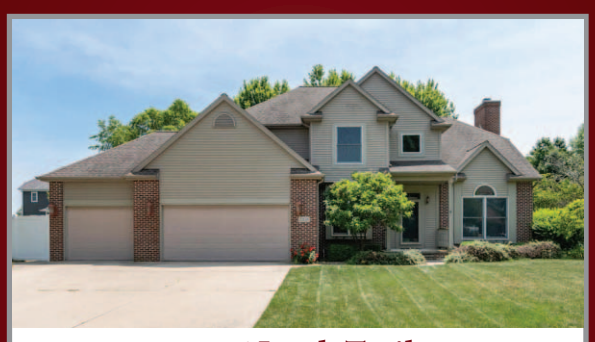

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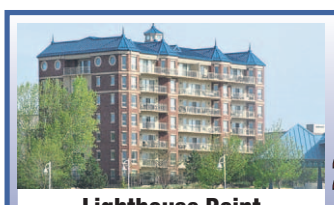

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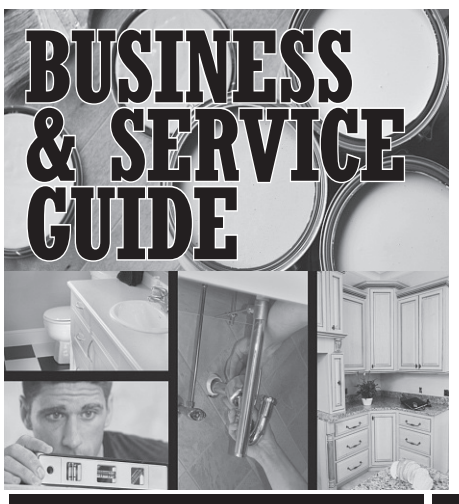

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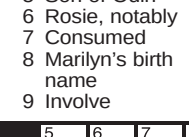

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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"UP ABOVE" By DAVID ALFRED BYWATERS

ACROSS
1 Cozy
5 Dublin-based air conditioner company
10 Fontaine filler
13 Red and blue
19 Sulk
20 Seriously flirt with
21 Matterhorn or Jungfrau
22 Mozart works
23 Informally formal entry announcement
24 Mozart works for 22-Across
26 "Friends" friend
27 "Friday I'm in Love" group
29 Google __
30 Rival of J.H. and W.K. Kellogg
32 From bottom __
33 Hiker's path
35 Hall with Oates
36 Clear (of)
39 Ambulance worker, briefly
40 Fromage hue
42 Unhappily unaccompanied
44 Holder of rays
46 Modernist's prefix
47 Google __
49 Staff helper
50 Big finish
51 Intend
53 Bad sort whose second syllable is often dropped
55 Hart part
56 Incisively sarcastic
59 Intl. supporter of the arts
60 Metric wts.
61 "__ luego"
62 Enticed
64 Like some ancient Icelandic works
66 Strike caller
69 Bigeye or yellowfin
70 Appliance alert
72 Times and Herald, in NYC
74 21-year-old currency
75 Taro dish
76 U.S. org. chaired by the president
77 Aerosol targets
79 Eurasian range
81 Surveying partner of Dixon
83 Area __
84 They may abut peninsulas
86 "Kim" author
88 Scold
91 Loses it
93 Incursion
94 Calendar listings
95 Search
96 Name after Paul or before Peter
98 Chicken source ... and product
101 Often perpendicular measure
102 Get to
104 Hindu princess
105 Conquistador's treasure
106 Significant period
107 The "Iliad" and the "Odyssey"
109 Like some cookies
111 Impish
113 Submit a new invoice to
115 No longer fooled by
116 Render nonfunctional
118 "Absolutely!"
120 Mutton dish
123 Rightmost menu, often
124 Chicken choice
125 CO rank
126 Northeast express train
127 One in the headlights?
128 1994 Grammy Lifetime Achievement awardee
129 Way in
130 Grandmas
131 "In that case ... "

DOWN
1 In love
2 Off somewhere
3 Like many characters in 22-Across?
4 Insurance giant
5 Son of Odin
6 Rosie, notably
7 Consumed
8 Marilyn's birth name
9 Involve
10 Rabbit __
11 Pub order
12 Fashion house employee?
13 "Row on row" blower in a classic poem
14 Belt firms?
15 Flying Clouds, e.g.
16 Like some court motions
17 Workplace with tests
18 Salem-to-Boise dir.
25 Some online forum posts?
28 Like an enthusiastic shrubbery salesperson?
31 Twisted
34 Bible book
35 Emulate Columbo
37 Many a map dot
38 Garment worker
41 Social activist Guinier
43 Good name for a Swedish soccer goalie?
45 Picnic invaders
48 Time piece
50 Muslim mendicant
52 Ga. winter hours
54 People
56 Sleuth Charlie known for aphorisms
57 Sighed lines
58 Jazz singer Laine
63 Unwanted piano key noise?
65 Gloaming
66 Niacin and protein, say?
67 Tidal influence
68 Send a text to
71 Borders
73 Span. title
78 Prominent noses
80 Nile serpents
82 Muhammad with gloves
83 Tirade
85 Horne or Headey
87 Golfer's choice
88 Old historian of older Britain
89 One or more times
90 Witty exchange
92 Hibernia
97 South African liberator
99 Ornamental front ends
100 Surrendered amateur status
102 Feel sick
103 Revolutionary Hale
108 Michelangelo masterpiece
110 Puccini masterpiece
112 "Well, __-dah!"
114 Part of Q.E.D.
115 Unctuous
117 "As __ saying ... "
118 Entrepreneur-helping org.
119 Bruins legend
121 Shad spawn
122 Half a score

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HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Discipline will be required when making decisions. Don't feel pressured to act impulsively, especially when it comes to emotional situations involving family or friends. If you gather all the facts and make wise choices, everything will fall into place. A conscientious approach to life, helping others and love is encouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't make a fuss. You'll accomplish far more if you are direct and implement your solutions before matters get out of hand. Offer kindness and consideration, not chaos.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Look for projects that excite you. Call the shots instead of being told what to do. If you want something, it's up to you to make it happen. Romance is encouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Getting together with people from your past will be a reminder of old dreams, hopes and wishes. Consider revisiting some of your ideas and making adjustments to suit current trends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Leave nothing to chance. Take care of matters personally. If you count on someone to do things for you, you'll be disappointed. An evening spent with a loved one is favored.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Stay one step ahead. Keep an open mind and be ready to make a move quickly and with the utmost precision. Refuse to let emotions stand in your way or cost you financially.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Speed up and finish what you start. Preparation for something special will be fun and will bring you closer to a loved one. A domestic change will add comfort and ease stress.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take care of unfinished business and move on to a creative project that satisfies you. An important relationship will lead to an unexpected opportunity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A physical outlet will help ease stress. Share your feelings with a loved one, and together you will come up with a plan that will improve your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Choose whom you spend your time with carefully. The wrong person will stifle your ability to have fun. Get involved in projects that include upbeat people who share your concerns.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Say no to anyone who is making demands or trying to manipulate your life. Back away from adversity and make positive changes that improve your state of mind. Romance is in the stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Personal growth will take you on a magical journey. An open mind, heart and attitude will lead to interesting encounters and new beginnings. Trust your intuition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Trust only what is backed up with facts. Put your energy into self-improvement projects. A relationship with someone who shares your beliefs and long-term goals will flourish. Romance is encouraged.

Classifieds Make A Cash Connection!

Try these cars on for size

DEAR CAR TALK: My 2006 Scion xA has 87,000 miles on it, and I'm thinking of updating.

I love my Scion because I sit up higher than in a sedan (I'm 79 so I'm getting shorter), and I can see who's out to get me on the road.

Any hatchback out there these days that's not an SUV but will let me see better? – Lynne

DEAR LYNNE: Plenty of them. You're in luck. A lot of people now prefer to sit up a little higher when they drive. Why? Well, as you say, it's easier to see over the car in front of you.

Ray Magliozzi
Car Talk

That advantage will diminish as more sedans are replaced by tall hatchbacks and crossovers. But hopefully you'll have a few good years of visibility before you get overtaken.

The second reason people prefer to be a little higher is because it's easier to get in and out of the car. We're not talking about the huge SUVs, where you have to get a running start to clamber up into the driver's seat. But cars that are a little higher off the ground put the seat bottom closer to human hip level. That means you don't have to "fall" into the car, or "climb" out of it.

So, you have a lot of choices these days. You'll have to go out and sit in some new cars, and decide which fit you well, and which you're comfortable driving. But we'll give you a few suggestions to get you started.

The Hyundai Kona is 61 inches tall, about an inch taller than your Scion. We drove it recently and really liked it.

Kia makes an unusual car called the Soul, which is a bit boxier than your Scion, and a couple of inches taller. But it has very good visibility and a lot of room inside.

If you ever drive in the snow, and want all-wheel drive, we like the Subaru Crosstrek, which is 63.6 inches tall. That's a few inches taller than your Scion, so you'll have to make sure it's easy to get into and out of, but it's very comfortable for a small car.

And if you want to impress all the kids, you can go electric with the Chevy Bolt, a battery-powered hatchback that's 62.8 inches tall. You'd plug it in at night, and you can go 250 miles before having to recharge it. And you'll never have to set foot in a gas station again.

There are others, but that should give you a good start. Let us know what you end up with.

DEAR CAR TALK: I am the original owner of my 2015 Mazda 3 with just under 28,000 miles.

During my recent routine service appointment, the following actions were recommended: replace all four tires ($460, not counting labor), throttle body service ($65) and fuel injector service ($130).

I've had 10- to 14-year-old cars and never had one needing the last two services mentioned above.

What do you think is going on? – Linda

DEAR LINDA: Let's start with the good news.

Your dealer's prices are not out of line. What he's proposing to charge you for each of those services is pretty reasonable, assuming he's selling good quality tires.

The bad news is that you may not need any of those things.

We have a machine in the shop that does the throttle body and fuel injector cleaning. It's called the Motor Vac, but we call it the Wallet Vac. We used to use it a couple of times a week.

It would make a big difference for cars that were stumbling and hesitating. But gasolines are so clean these days that I'm not sure I can remember the last time we used the machine.

So, those services shouldn't be needed unless your car is showing symptoms of dirty fuel injectors. The primary symptoms are hesitation on acceleration, or a check engine light that's on and storing a code for a fuel system problem. Otherwise, the cleaning is completely unnecessary.

You may need tires. Original equipment tires on modestly priced cars are often not great quality and do wear out by 30,000 miles.

You might ask around (or check mechanicsfiles.com) for a recommendation of a good, independent mechanic in your area, and get a second opinion on all three of these services.

Got a question about cars? Write to Ray Magliozzi in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email him by visiting the Car Talk website: www.cartalk.com.

The year in automotive statistics and news

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FCA's hot Ram brand made history in the year 2019. For the first time ever it outsold competitor Chevy and became both the second best selling full-size pickup, as well as the second best selling vehicle in the U.S. As late as the early 1990s, the then Dodge Ram was an also-ran. But big-rig styling and improved product put the division on track to overtake Chevy this past year. Shown is the 2019 Ram 1500 Limited.

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Auto industry observers didn't know it at the time but when Japanese luxury brand Lexus introduced its RX300 crossover in 1999, its immediate success would create a brand new, fast-growing automotive segment. Today there are dozens of similar competitors, large and small, and registrations of truck-registered utility vehicles now take up 72 percent of the U.S. market. As a result, many car nameplates are falling by the wayside.

I've been fascinated by statistics and numbers forever, especially things related to the auto industry. We were bombarded at the end of 2019 by all those wonderful top 10 lists and notable highlights prepared by the media to refresh our memory of all the things of interest that happened during the last 12 months. Some were quite newsworthy to this car guy, and in today's column I want to share some of the more notable ones with you in case you missed them.

Dar Davis

Ram is now No. 2

This might only be of interest to fierce pickup truck guys and gals, but it was big news when for the first time ever FCA's Ram 1500 full-size pickup (use to be Dodge until 2011 model year) outsold GM's Chevrolet Silverado big truck line to attain the number two best selling title. It has been the goal of FCA to attain this lofty goal for a long time. The evergreen Ford F-150 pickup remains comfortably in first place, a position it has held for the past 38 years. But the full-size Chevy Silverado has held down the number two spot for decades and Dodge, now Ram, was for a long time a distant third. Things started to change in Dodge's favor in 1993 when the then-Chrysler Group brought out the startlingly new Ram pickup featuring the enormous chrome grille off a big-rig semi-truck. People either loved it or hated the new look. Obviously, it was the right move and over the ensuing decades, sales have grown to the point where this past year Ram took over the number two crown.

It will be interesting to see if Ram can hold on to the number two spot in the new year. In 2019, Ram actually sold two versions of its full-size pickup. When FCA introduced the all-new 2019 pickup, it decided to also keep in production the previous generation Ram pickup that was still popular, and call it the Ram Classic. The Classic was sold at a lower sticker price than the new Ram, by the way. The combination of hitting the sweet spot with the all-new Ram (even with a higher price) and continuing in production the Classic model was the right move. It didn't hurt Ram's changes either that the UAW struck GM for 40 days last fall. The day I wrote this column, the official year-end sales figures were released and they show that Ram outsold Silverado by 10.1 percent, with sales of 633,694. Chevy moved 575,600 Silverados. It will be interesting to see if the Chevy Silverado, with all its truck factories now at full production and, like the Ram being an almost all-new vehicle, can again regain the number two spot in 2020.

72 percent

Older readers can recall the day when cars outsold pickups by a wide margin. In fact, in 1980 cars out sold trucks three to one. Over the next two decades with the rise of sport utility vehicles, buyer preferences changed dramatically due to the popularity of such vehicles as Jeep's Cherokee (1984) and Ford's Explorer (1990). Lexus with its first-to-market crossover RX (1999) then ignited buyer interest in the car-based sport utility segment, and by 2000 truck-registered vehicles outsold cars for the first time. In 2019, 72 percent of U.S. vehicle sales were light trucks. Some nameplates, like Buick, will completely abandon the car market in 2020. Already gone are the Lucerne, Verano, LaCrosse, Cascada, and soon the Regal. Left in showrooms are the Encore (its best seller), Envision and Enclave. There seems to be no end in sight for the deep consumer interest is truck-registered vehicles. Buyers want the utility of station wagon-like vehicles that are stylish, fairly economical (compared to past models) and come in all sizes and levels of comfort and style. You know the market for utility vehicles is strong when even longtime uber luxury brands like Rolls Royce and Bentley, and super performance automakers like Lamborghini and Ferrari (Google "Purosangue") now offer SUVs! Now the question is, when will Corvette offer an SUV?

Trivia question

What is the fourth best selling full-size pickup in the U.S. market?

1,000 pounds-feet torque

Speaking of trucks ... in case readers haven't noticed over the past many years, there has been a battle between the three major pickup makers in the U.S. over whose truck has the highest torque rating. The "who's on top" battle has most recently been raging between Ram and Ford. This past year Ram would boast that its Ram Heavy Duty EcoDiesel was the first to reach the magical four figure 1,000 pound-feet of torque rating. But Ford immediately spoiled their party by ratcheting up the torque war with a rating of 1,050 pound-feet for the 2020 Super Duty diesel. Now it's Chevy's turn.

$40 million

For a number of years I followed with special interest how the Fiat Chrysler combine surprised everyone by not only surviving its bankruptcy filing in 2009, but then seemed to magically begin an astonishingly unexpected sales run of month after month, year after year sales increases that defied logic. Turns out, the company didn't defy logic – it simply cheated. FCA, the parent company of the Fiat/Chrysler merger in 2009, cooked the books for four years and used inflated sales figures. It was found that FCA paid dealers to report false sales. Someone is the sales department apparently kept a "cookie jar" of unreported sales that were then used to artificially boost sales if it looked like a sales streak was about to end. Our mothers told us growing up that we almost always pay for doing wrong deeds. FCA learned that to be true in 2019. The SEC fined the automaker $40 million for dipping into their cookie jar.

* Trivia answer: A GMC. GM usually sells more pickups than Ford annually when you add Chevy totals with GMC's. The twin GM pickups now have sheet metal differences, but are almost identical under their skins.

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

Top automotive tech at CES 2020

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Edmunds (AP)

Automakers use the annual Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas to get creative. Sometimes the results can seem a little too creative – we don't expect to see connected streetlights or adaptive sidewalks, as some companies have pitched in years past, anytime soon.

But CES also plays host to new technology that will be on dealer lots in the near future. Here are some of the top car tech features from CES 2020.

Byton: M-Byte SUV

The Chinese electric vehicle maker Byton revealed the production version of its upcoming M-Byte SUV in its North American debut at CES.

The EV comes with four or five seats, competitive cargo space, and the ability to recharge its battery to 80 percent capacity in just 35 minutes on a DC fast-charging station.

The star of the M-Byte is its dazzling 48-inch touchscreen display that stretches across the entire dashboard. B

There is also local weather forecasting from AccuWeather, trip planning with the booking service Road.Travel, voice commands and 5G capability.

Byton plans to deliver the M-Byte to U.S. customers in the spring.

Google: Improved Android integration

Google is expanding its reach into the automotive sector, and showed two new features during CES.

The first was a new Android-based infotainment system called Android Automotive OS. More than just Android Auto smartphone integration, Android Automotive OS replaces an automaker's factory system, offering integrated Google Assistant, Google Maps and Google Play Store.

Google displayed Android Automotive OS on the Volvo XC40 Recharge SUV, which will be first on the market to use the system.

The second was wireless Android Auto, which Google displayed with BMW at the show. Wireless Android Auto allows you to connect an Android-based phone without using a cord and USB port.

In BMW vehicles, it can also send information to the instrument cluster and head-up display in addition to the center infotainment screen.

Hyundai: High-definition maps

Hyundai is focused on high-definition mapping. At CES, the South Korean automaker detailed the new system in its Genesis G90 luxury sedan.

The navigation system, developed with the supplier HERE, takes overlaying map information and integrates it with what the vehicle's cameras and sensors are seeing. The result is more accurate navigation, lane-centering and turning for safer journeys.

The company also revealed that its near future holds an advanced location system that provides an additional layer of safety. Called High-Precision Positioning, or HPP, the system uses GPS signals and the cellular network to pinpoint the vehicle's exact location on the road.

Fiat Chrysler: Plug-in hybrid Jeeps

Traditionally, there isn't much talk of off-roading at CES. But Fiat Chrysler Automobiles changed that with a plug-in hybrid version of its iconic Jeep Wrangler SUV. Jeep will also build plug-in versions of its Compass and Renegade crossover SUVs.

Jeep says the plug-in hybrid Jeeps will wear a new 4XE badge and provide better fuel economy and improved off-road ability due to greater torque and instant engine response.

Rivian: Direct Amazon Alexa integration

One of the newest names on the block, the electric automaker Rivian, used CES to announce its debut models. Each one comes equipped with Amazon Alexa built into its connected vehicle systems.

Both the R1T pickup and R1S SUV will operate Alexa without the need for a phone or external app. Owners can use it to control in-car entertainment and navigation, as well as vehicle functions and smart home devices.

Alexa is programmed directly into the vehicles, Rivian said. It allows drivers to access a variety of functions, including opening the front trunk, viewing different camera angles, and setting the climate control.

Answer To Today's Puzzle

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Horoscope

BY EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Keep information that can change your life secret until everything is signed, sealed and delivered. What you offer others will help you achieve your goals and realize your dreams. Say yes to diversity, experience and a lifestyle change that suits your needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep an open mind and be willing to discuss possibilities, even if they seem farfetched. Consider what you can do to have a positive, life-altering influence on someone close to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) How you respond to others will matter. If you offer incentives, assistance and your time, something good will transpire. Engage in physical activity and make romance a priority.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Touch base with people from your past. What you hear will make you reconsider a decision you made a long time ago. It's never too late to backtrack.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Consider what brings you joy when choosing what you want to do with the rest of your life. A personal change looks promising, and romance is on the rise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you shake things up a bit, you will see your life differently. Discussions with someone who has more experience will be eye-opening and will point you in a positive direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Put more time and effort into personal improvements. Altering your lifestyle, current living situation or location is favored. Spend more time with people who share your sentiments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Creativity will bring you the most joy. Taking better care of your health and emotional well-being will boost your morale. Romance is featured.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The way you look and feel will be transparent, so don't try to hide what's on your mind. Resolve issues instead of avoiding them. Make peace and love priorities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Go with the current, follow what draws your interest most and surround yourself with people who bring out the best in you. Walk away from instability, irresponsibility and argumentative personalities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Stop worrying about what others do and start focusing on what makes you happy. The less time spent with users and abusers and the more time spent with positive supporters, the better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A change is favored. Embrace the world and what it has to offer. Put the past behind you, use what you have experienced to your advantage and follow your heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep moving forward. Less time talking and more time doing will help you stay out of trouble. Don't believe or pass along what you hear without verifying the facts first.

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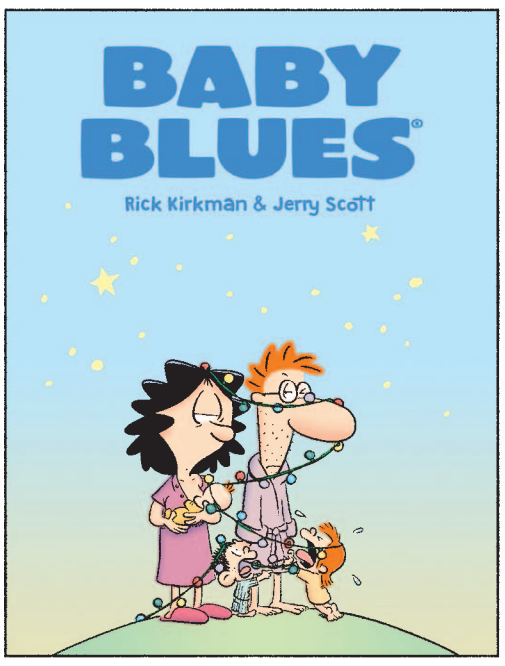

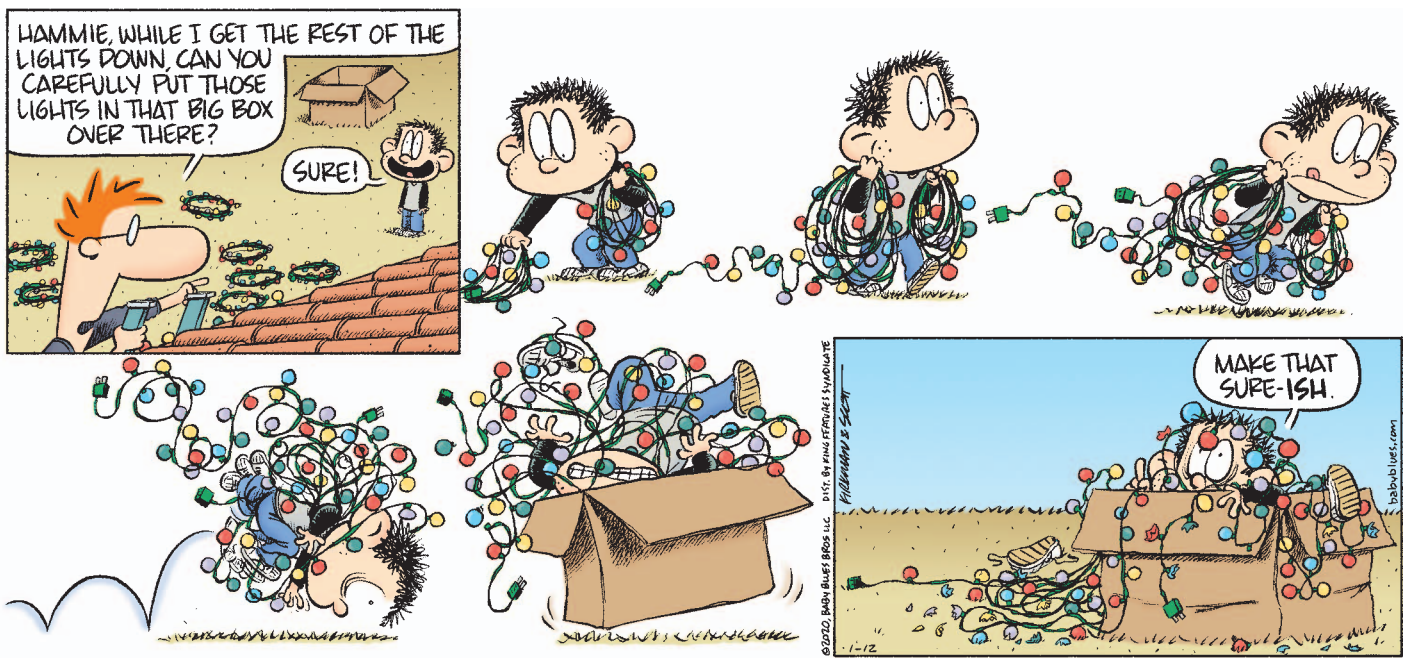
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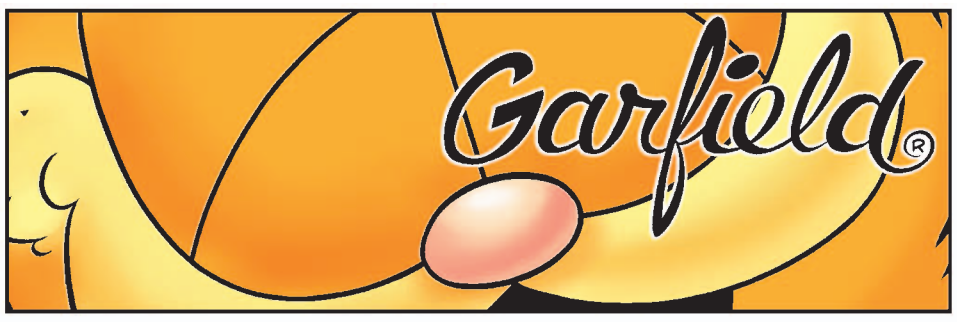

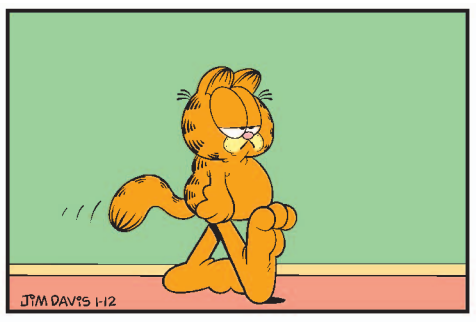

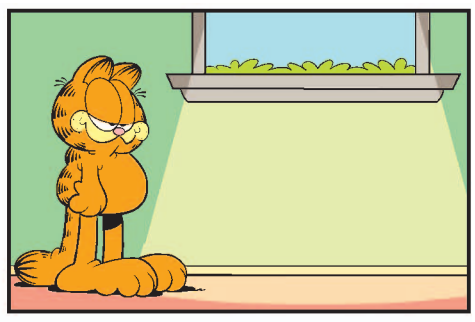

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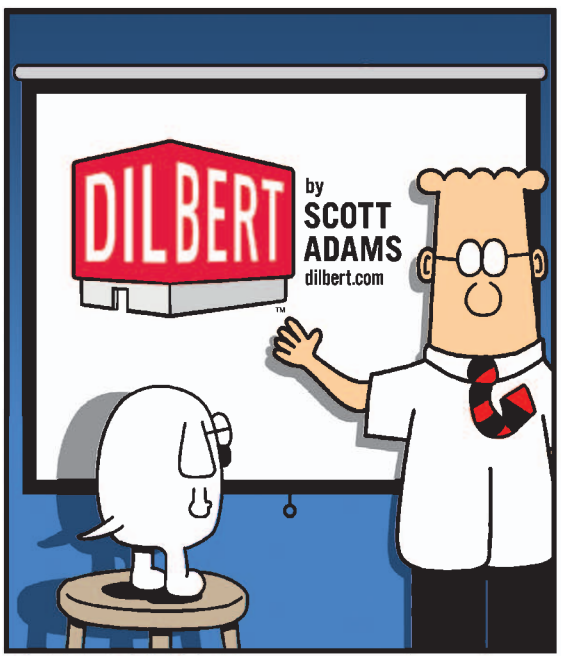

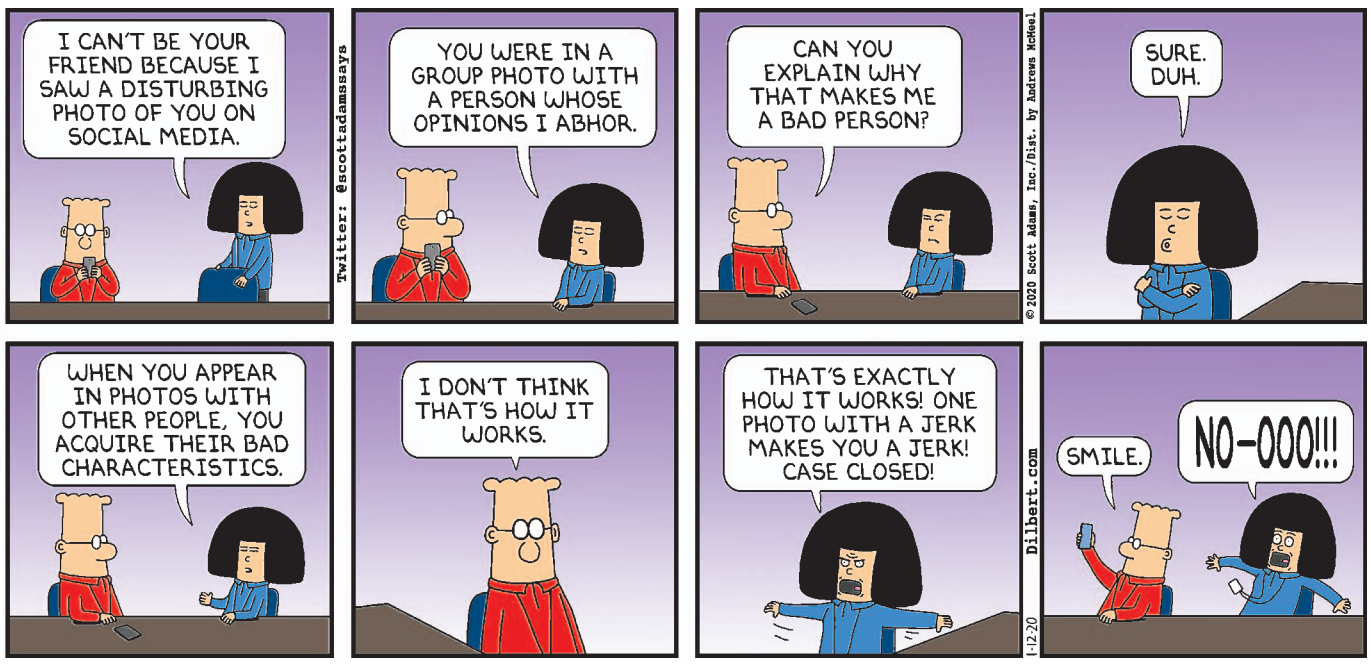
I CAN'T BE YOUR FRIEND BECAUSE I SAW A DISTURBING PHOTO OF YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA.
YOU WERE IN A GROUP PHOTO WITH A PERSON WHOSE OPINIONS I ABHOR.
CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY THAT MAKES ME A BAD PERSON?
SURE. DUH.
WHEN YOU APPEAR IN PHOTOS WITH OTHER PEOPLE, YOU ACQUIRE THEIR BAD CHARACTERISTICS.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW IT WORKS.
THAT'S EXACTLY HOW IT WORKS! ONE PHOTO WITH A JERK MAKES YOU A JERK! CASE CLOSED!
SMILE.
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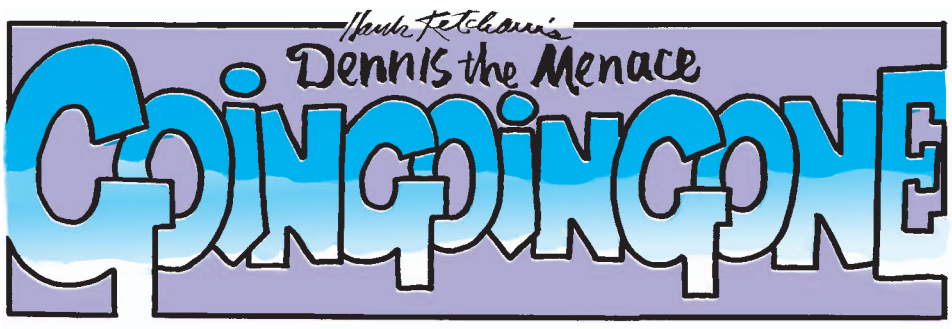

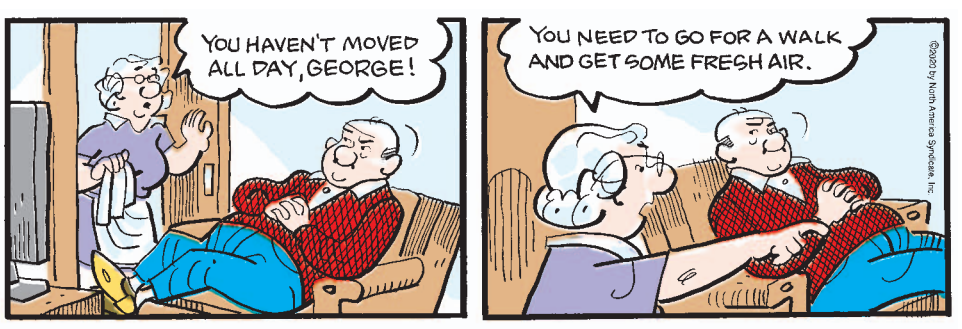

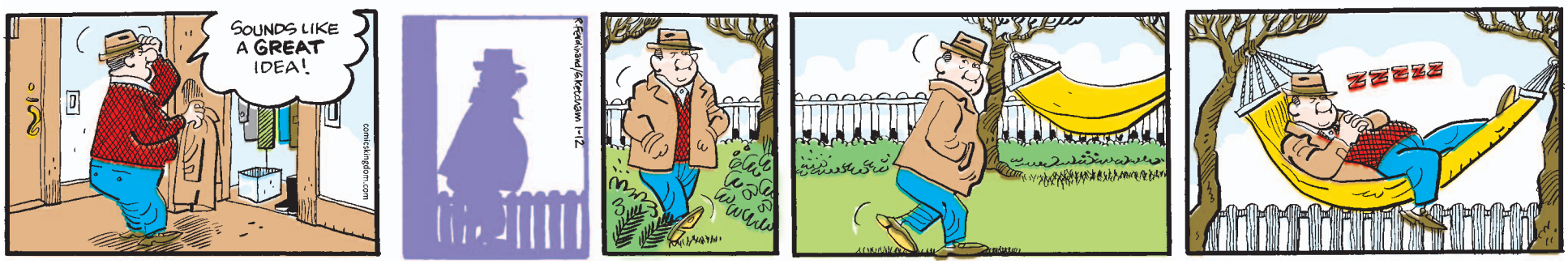

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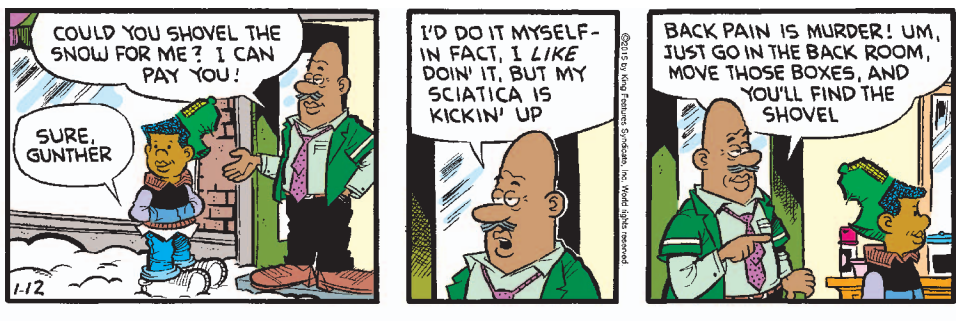
COULD YOU SHOVEL THE SNOW FOR ME? I CAN PAY YOU!
SURE, GUNTHER
I'D DO IT MYSELF- IN FACT, I LIKE DOIN' IT, BUT MY SCIATICA IS KICKIN' UP
BACK PAIN IS MURDER! UM, JUST GO IN THE BACK ROOM, MOVE THOSE BOXES, AND YOU'LL FIND THE SHOVEL
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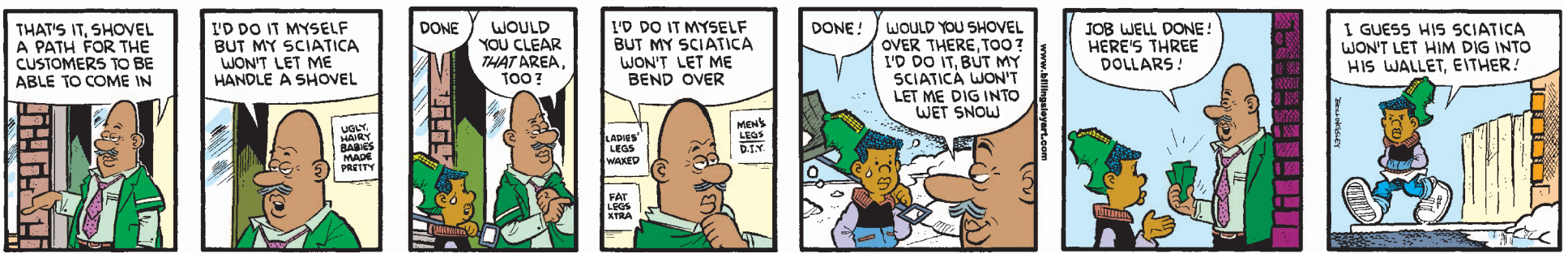
THAT'S IT, SHOVEL A PATH FOR THE CUSTOMERS TO BE ABLE TO COME IN
I'D DO IT MYSELF BUT MY SCIATICA WON'T LET ME HANDLE A SHOVEL
UGLY, HAIRY BABIES MADE PRETTY
DONE
WOULD YOU CLEAR THAT AREA, TOO?
I'D DO IT MYSELF BUT MY SCIATICA WON'T LET ME BEND OVER
LADIES' LEGS WAXED
MEN'S LEGS D.I.Y.
FAT LEGS XTRA
DONE!
WOULD YOU SHOVEL OVER THERE, TOO? I'D DO IT, BUT MY SCIATICA WON'T LET ME DIG INTO WET SNOW
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I GUESS HIS SCIATICA WON'T LET HIM DIG INTO HIS WALLET, EITHER!

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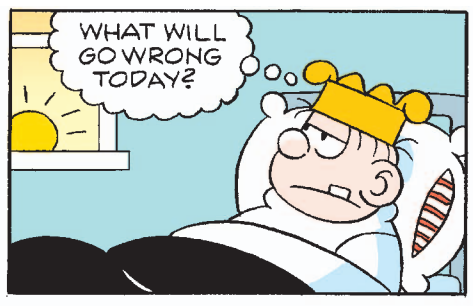

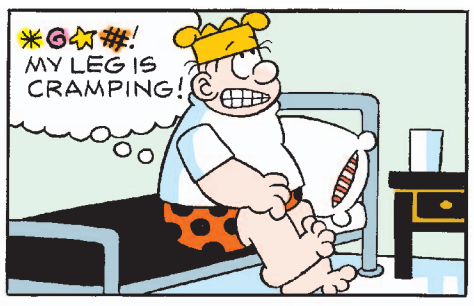

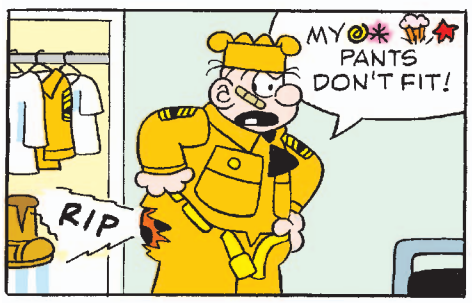

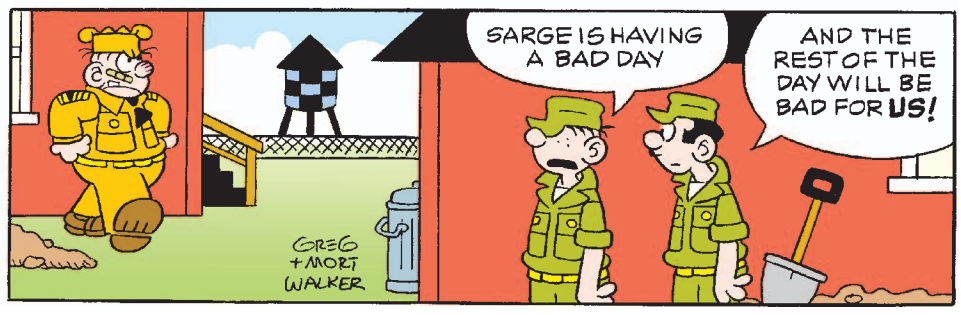

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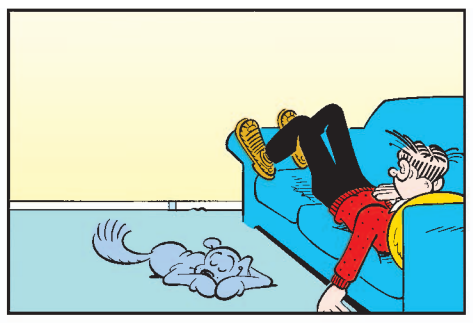

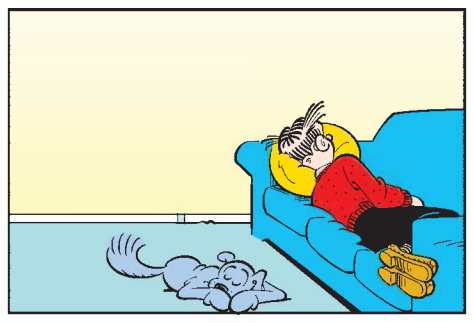

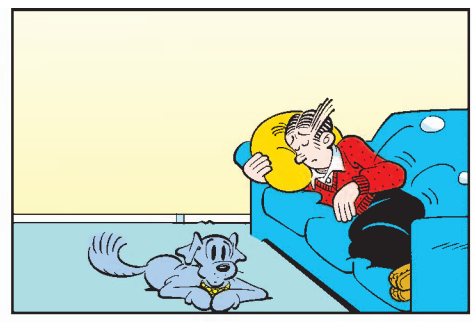

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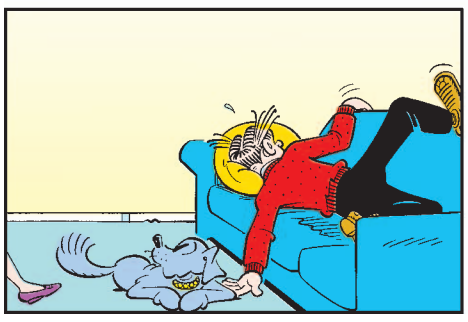

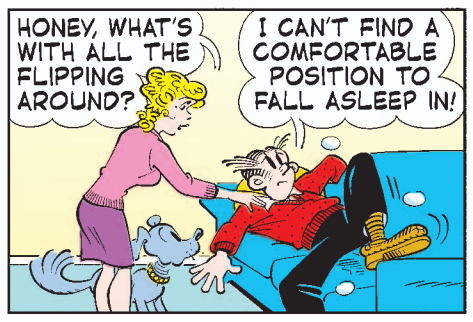

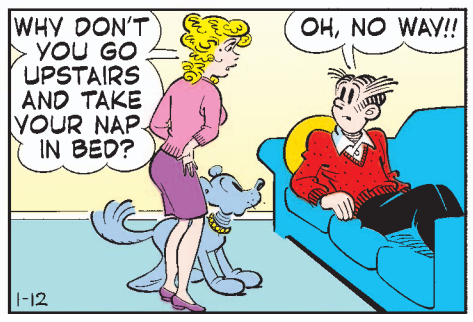

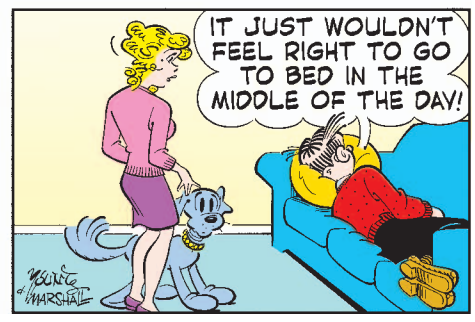

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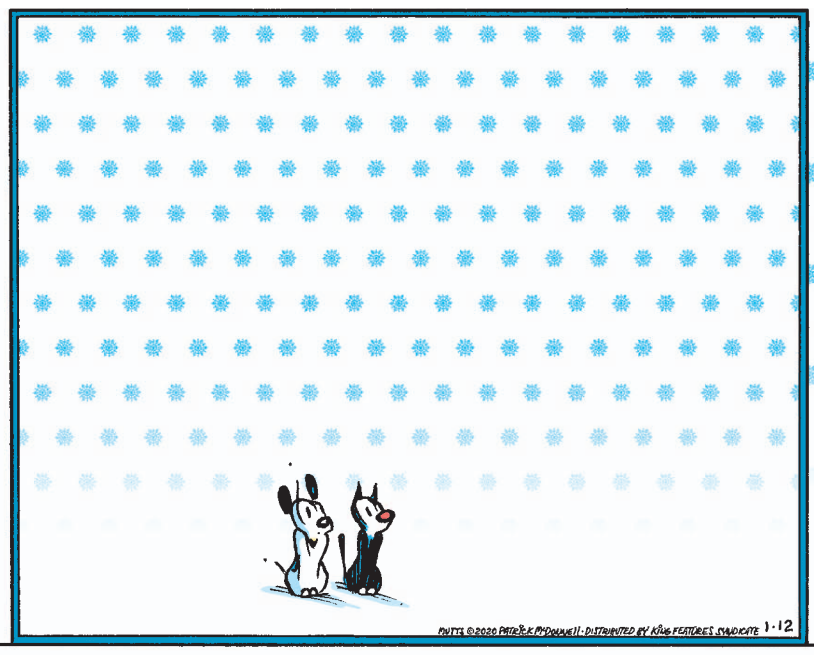

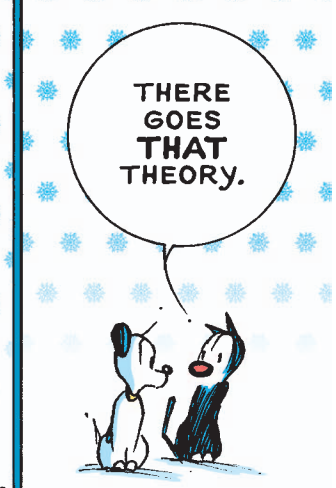

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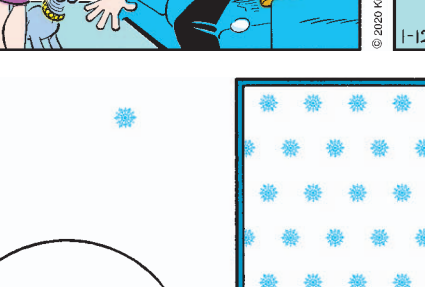

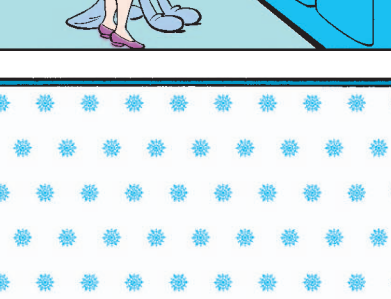

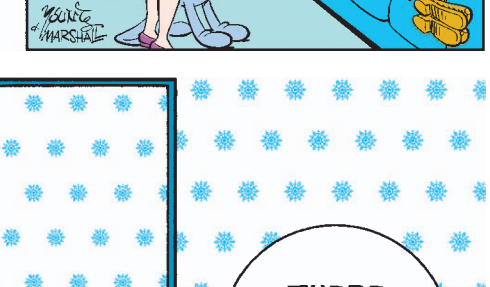

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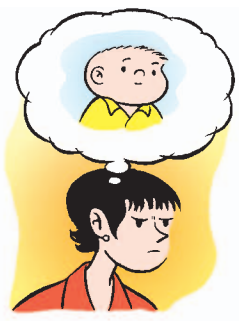

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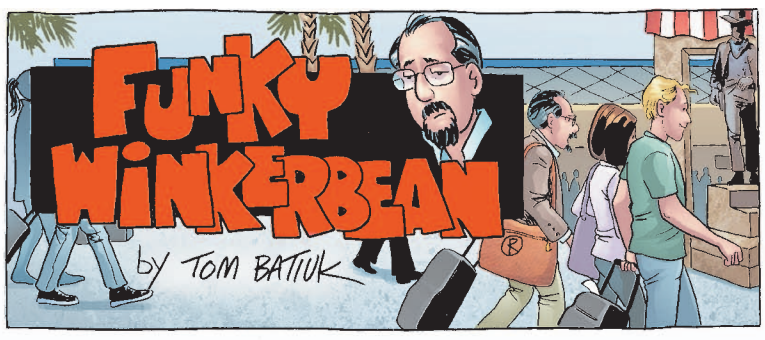

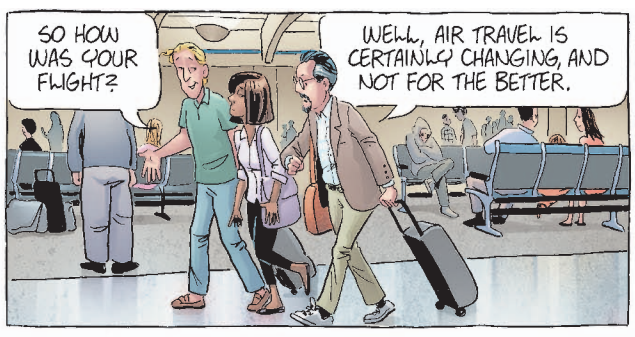

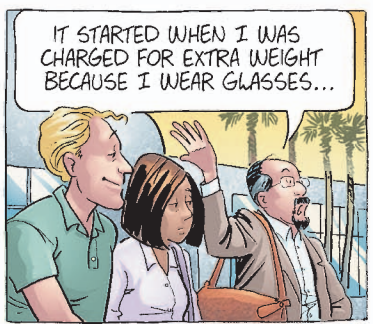

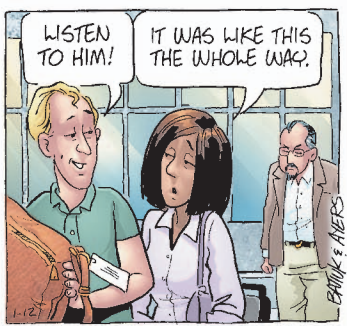

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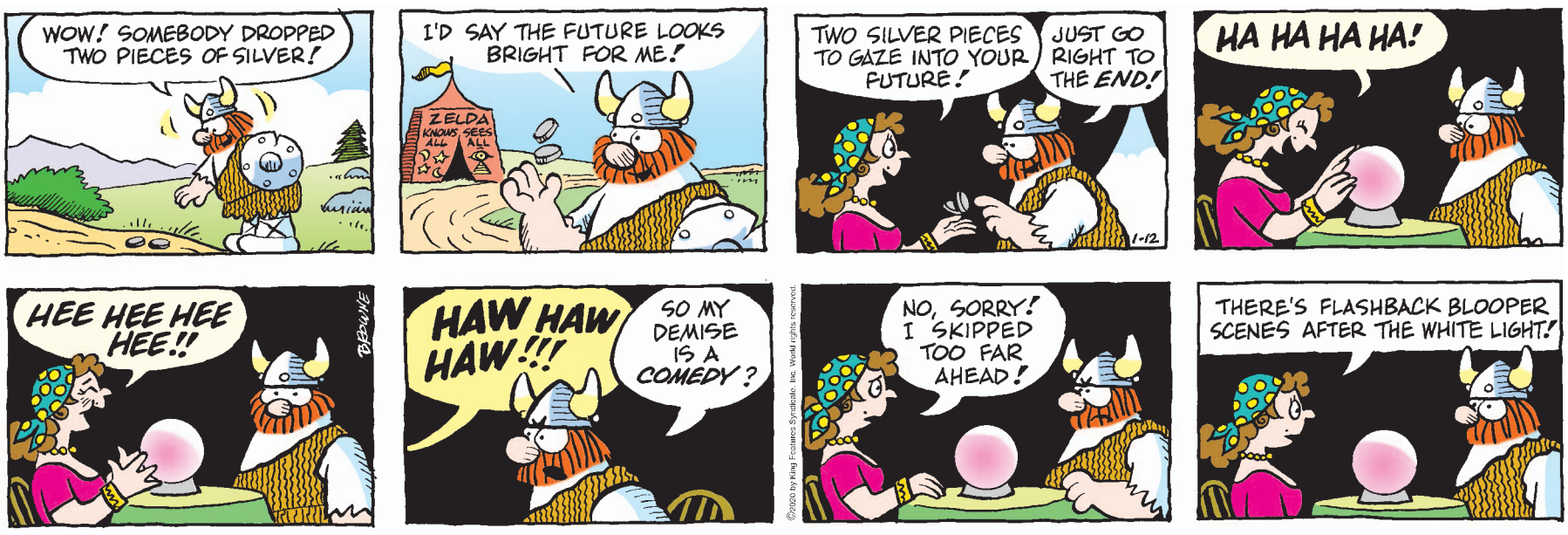
WOW! SOMEBODY DROPPED TWO PIECES OF SILVER!
I'D SAY THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR ME!
ZELDA KNOWS ALL SEES ALL
TWO SILVER PIECES TO GAZE INTO YOUR FUTURE!
JUST GO RIGHT TO THE END!
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HA HA HA HA!
HEE HEE HEE HEE!!
BROWNE
HAW HAW HAW!!!
SO MY DEMISE IS A COMEDY?
NO, SORRY! I SKIPPED TOO FAR AHEAD!
THERE'S FLASHBACK BLOOPER SCENES AFTER THE WHITE LIGHT!
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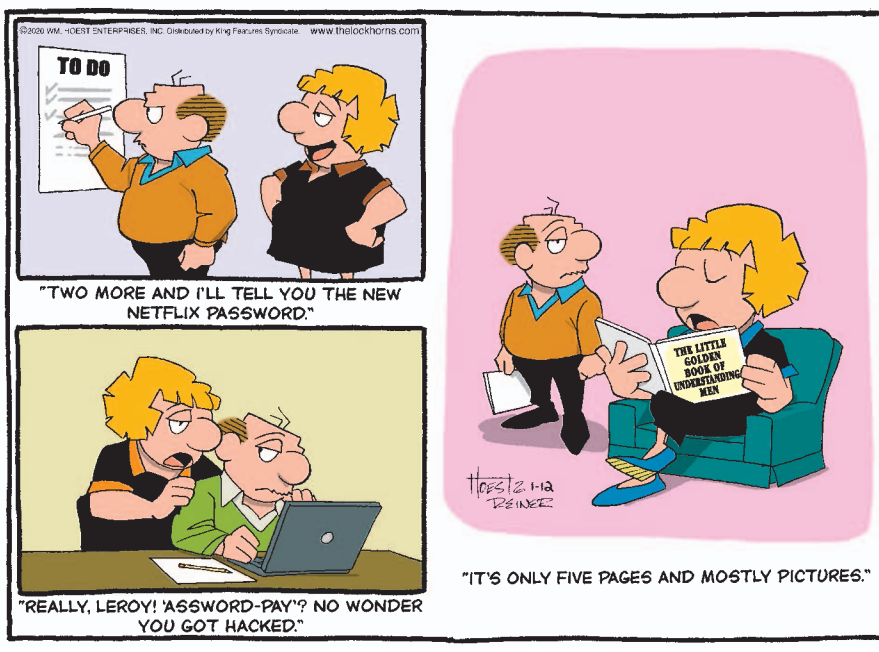
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER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TO DO
"TWO MORE AND I'LL TELL YOU THE NEW NETFLIX PASSWORD."
"REALLY, LEROY! 'ASSWORD-PAY'? NO WONDER YOU GOT HACKED."
THE LITTLE GOLDEN BOOK OF UNDERSTANDING MEN
HOEST 1-12 REINER
"IT'S ONLY FIVE PAGES AND MOSTLY PICTURES."
"LORETTA LEARNED TO COOK FROM HER MOTHER... SHE DOESN'T LIKE ME EITHER."
"THERE'S ANOTHER SNOWFLAKE ... WE'D BETTER CANCEL THE TRIP TO YOUR MOTHER'S."

SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano

THAT'S IT!
THAT.
IS.
IT!
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IT IS WAY TOO COLD TO EVER GO OUT THIS WINTER AGAIN!
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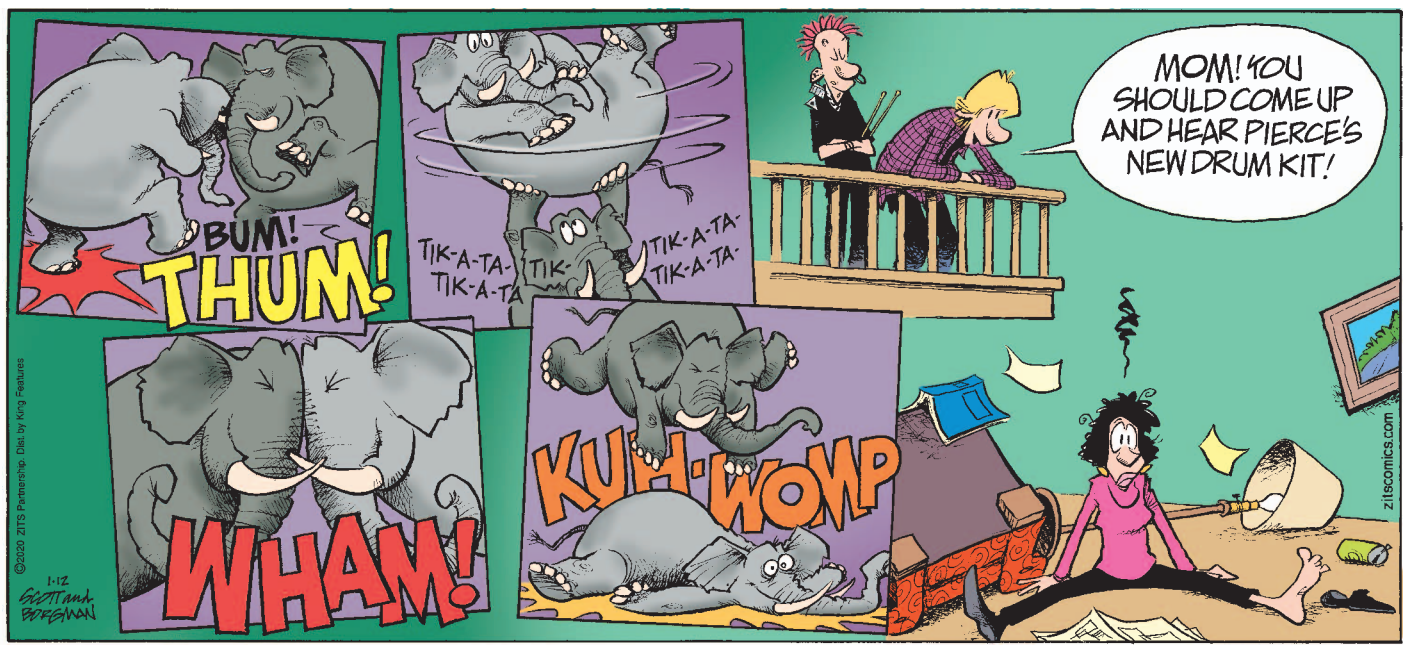
AND WHY SHOULD WE? THE HOUSE IS NICE AND WARM AND OH SO COZY...
WE CAN HAVE ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING WE NEED DELIVERED RIGHT TO OUR FRONT DOOR...
KEEFE
AND WE'RE ALREADY UP TO FOUR STREAMING CHANNELS, SO THAT SHOULD COVER ALL OUR ENTERTAINMENT NEEDS! FACE IT, WE WILL NEVER HAVE TO STEP ONE FOOT OUTSIDE AGAIN UNTIL SPRING THAW.
EXCEPT THAT HIL HAS TO LEAVE FOR SCHOOL AND I HAVE TO LEAVE FOR WORK.
AND UNTIL I GET A NEW JOB, I HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE AT LEAST ONCE A DAY OR ELSE MY SANITY WILL SNAP SO LOUD IT'LL SOUND LIKE A SONIC BOOM.

ZITS

by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN



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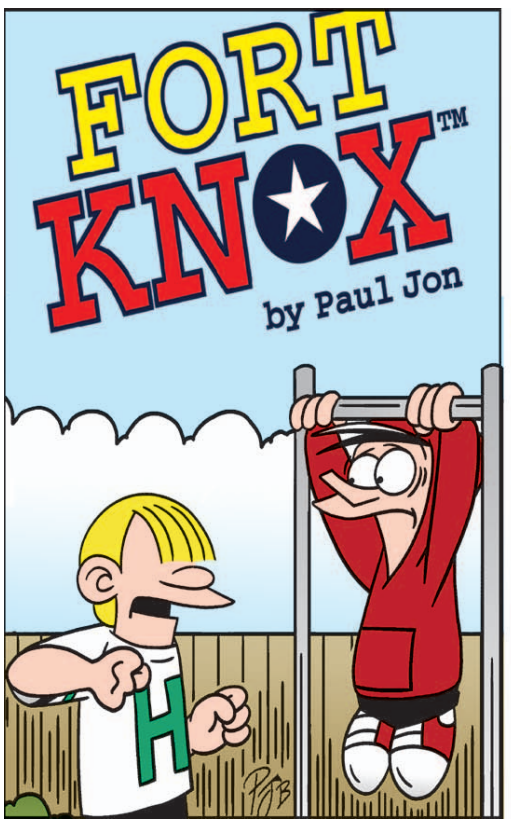
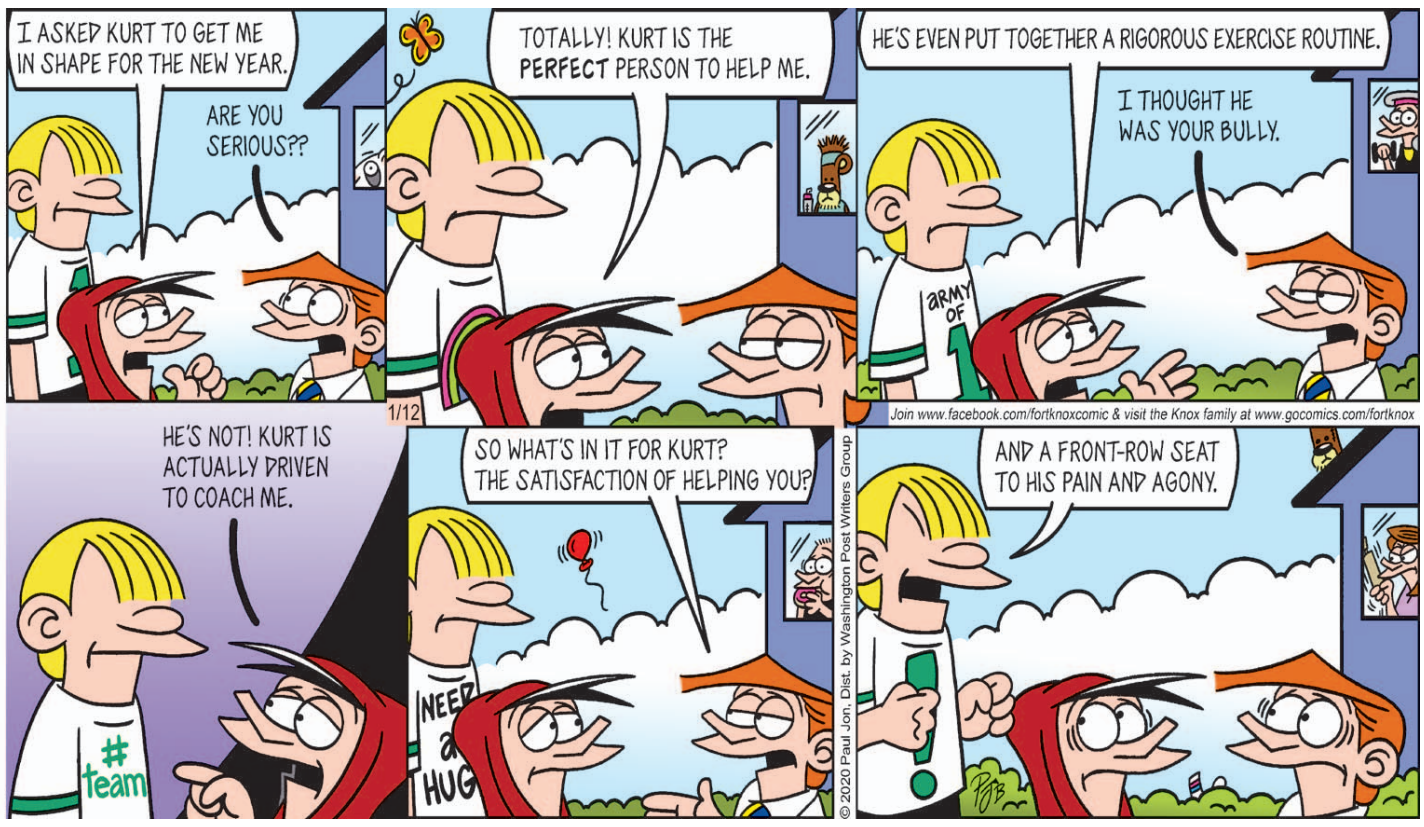
by Paul Jon




I ASKED KURT TO GET ME IN SHAPE FOR THE NEW YEAR.
ARE YOU SERIOUS??
TOTALLY! KURT IS THE PERFECT PERSON TO HELP ME.
HE'S EVEN PUT TOGETHER A RIGOROUS EXERCISE ROUTINE.
I THOUGHT HE WAS YOUR BULLY.
ARMY OF 1
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Join www.facebook.com/fortknoxcomic & visit the Knox family at www.gocomics.com/fortknox
HE'S NOT! KURT IS ACTUALLY DRIVEN TO COACH ME.
#team
SO WHAT'S IN IT FOR KURT? THE SATISFACTION OF HELPING YOU?
NEED a HUG
AND A FRONT-ROW SEAT TO HIS PAIN AND AGONY.
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WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

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NOW FOR ZOLOFT SEASON
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DON'T EVEN GO OUT THERE TODAY.

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YEEEAAAH!!

BOY, IS YOUR NOSE COLD!

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BIZARRO

BY DAN PIRARO

I'm afraid there's nothing much I can do. You should have paid for a full-length portrait.

DERMATOLOGY CHART

SKIN

THE DERMATOLOGIST OF DORIAN GRAY

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DUSTIN

By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER

IT'S WEIRD... I DON'T THINK I EVER SEE YOU AND MOM ARGUE.

ACTUALLY, WE DON'T ARGUE MUCH.

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I'D LIKE TO SAY WE'RE MORE PATIENT AND MATURE, BUT...

...TO BE HONEST, I'VE LEARNED OVER THE YEARS THAT ARGUING WITH YOUR MOTHER IS LIKE A HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS GAME.

THIS SHOULD BE GOOD.

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ENTERTAINING TO WATCH, BUT THE OUTCOME IS NEVER IN DOUBT.

SO YOU'RE THE WASHINGTON GENERALS.

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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

I DON'T WANT TO GO TO DOG SCHOOL. I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT DOGS. GO ON—ASK ME ANYTHING ABOUT A DOG

OKAY. WHY DO BOY DOGS HAVE NIPPLES?

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PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

I FINISHED A 1,000 PIECE JIGSAW PUZZLE LAST WEEK, SO I DONATED IT TO THE GOODWILL STORE.

AND NOW I JUST FOUND A PIECE OF THAT PUZZLE ON THE FLOOR.

SOME POOR SOUL IS GOING TO SPEND WEEKS PUTTING IT TOGETHER ONLY TO FIND ONE PIECE IS MISSING.

OOPS!

SHOULD I TAKE IT TO THE GOODWILL STORE AND SEE IF I CAN REUNITE IT WITH ITS BOX, OR...

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CHOMP! GULP!

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WELL, PROBLEM SOLVED!

Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

A New York City jewelry store was robbed two hours ago. One suspect says he was enjoying the view from atop the Empire State Building at the time of the theft. Another claims he was getting into a cab at the Statue of Liberty, and the third insists he was touring the Museum of Natural History. Which suspect does Slylock Fox know is lying?

Solution -- The second suspect is lying. The Statue of Liberty is on a small island with ferry rides, not cabs.

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Comb, smock, finger, tie, freckles and barber's hair.

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HOW TO DRAW an unwelcome visitor

BOB WEBER JR and SR
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YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Sean Green, age 11

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Each year your hair grows about ...

a) One inch
b) Three inches
c) Six inches
d) Eight inches
e) Twelve inches
f) Sixteen inches

Answer -- c)

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